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SHANGHAI TENSION.

Armed Men Threaten To Open Fire.

CANTON SPLIT.

Chang Kai-shek Shorn of Political Power?

Another attempt by armed men to enter the International Settlement at Shanghai nearly resulted in a grave incident.

When refused entrance the men threatened to open fire and a critical situation was only averted by the aid of an interpreter.

Regarding the Nationalist split General Chang Kai-shek is reported to have been deprived of all political power.

CHINESE NAVY.

Reported Defection To The South.

Wireless messages from the North received by the local naval authorities from Shanghai refer to the report of the defection of the Chinese Navy to the South and state that the Kiangnan Arsenal and dockyard remains in the hands of the North.

Ships off Wusung, under Admiral Yang Shu-chuang are flying the Canton flag.

The Canton Split.

Referring to the split between the Moderates and Extremists in the Nationalist Party, the message states that General Chang Kai-shek is reported to have been deprived of all political power.

The Shanghai railway strike continues.

The Shanghai-Nanking Railway line has been interfered with, but has since been repaired.

The general strike celebrating the anniversary of Sun Yat-sen's death did not materialise.

A Shanghai Crisis.

Referring to the incident at Shanghai when 2,000 armed Chinese, were refused passage, the message states that a further 500 who were refused, entrance threatened to open fire, and a critical situation was only averted by the aid of an interpreter.

Admittance has also been refused to 250 armed men who attempted to enter the North gate.

Shantung troops are concentrating.

The situation is improving at Wuhu, the Chinese commanders attempting to keep order.

Ningpo is quiet.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

A "Cheering Message" For Shanghai.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, a resolution moved by Sir Olive Morrison (Conservative) inviting the House to approve the foresight of the Government and congratulate it on its prompt action in taking steps to safeguard the lives of British subjects endangered in the civil war in China.

The mover of the resolution drew attention to the remarkably efficient manner in which the Defence Force had been moved to Shanghai and to the East. He hoped that if the Opposition divided against the resolution the House by its vote would send a cheering message to Shanghai residents and show the real opinion of the whole country.

Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, K.C. (Conservative) attacked the Labour Party's attitude to foreign affairs. He said Britain in their eyes was always wrong. They preferred to trust a foreign revolutionary to a British official when it came to investigating facts.

Mr. Mitchell Banks envisaged them telegraphing congratulations to the Indian leaders during the mutiny and protesting against the relief of Lucknow.

He contended that it was not Mr. Eugene Chen but the British mill owners who had improved the lot of Chinese workers. If Mr. Chen wanted to improve them let him begin in the Chinese mills.

A Missing Prime Minister.

Mr. Mitchell Banks asked whether the Cantonese Government was democratically elected and why we heard nothing of its Prime Minister.

He taunted Labour members with their fondness and partiality for the Cantonese and Bolshevists, in which connection he aroused much laughter by quoting the Frothblowers' anthem.

A Labour member, Mr. G. Barker moved an amendment regarding the ostentatious despatch of a special Shanghai Defence Force as unnecessary and calculated to increase rather than

\$1,000 DAMAGES.

Claimed For "False Accusation"

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Alleging that he had been falsely accused and wrongfully detained, Cheung Choyan, an engineer of Watson Road, Yumail, claimed \$1,000 damages in the Summary Court this morning against Man Wan-sang, also of Yumail at whose instance, it was alleged, the arrest and charge was made.

The charge brought against Cheung was that he had been guilty of the alleged larceny of certain rubber rings and rollers the property of a rope manufacturing firm. After hearing the evidence, Mr. Ainsworth, the Magistrate, dismissed the case.

This morning, it was stated for plaintiff (the defendant in the police court action) that he was a partner in the firm in question and that the rings, etc., found on his premises were in connection with a certain process with which the materials had to be treated in the course of their preparation.

Mr. Enloe (for the defendant) objected to the question of partnership being introduced alleging that he had made enquiries from the plaintiff's solicitor before the case relating to certain partnership books and was told that they would not be introduced.

Partnership Issue.

Mr. McCallum (for the plaintiff) indicated that he was proving partnership through plaintiff's own evidence.

Plaintiff, after giving evidence as to alleged partnership referred to the process by which he treated these articles, but refused to give the formula of the preparation away.

Mr. Prior wished to press the plaintiff to write the formula down, not for publication, but to get a chemist's view on its efficacy as he (Mr. Prior) put it to plaintiff that the idea of his having the articles on his premises for treatment was "a public secret."

His Honour (Mr. P. Jacobs), indicated that he did not think this would help the case.

Plaintiff was also examined as to the police having come to his house and taken him to Yumail Police station. Defendant, he stated, was with the Police and had pointed him out to the Police.

Plaintiff was asked by Mr. Prior if it was not merely the presence of defendant with the Police that made him say that it was defendant who had caused the arrest to be made. Plaintiff answered that the defendant had pointed him out to the Police who had subsequently charged him with theft.

Acted On Instructions.

Inspector Fallon, who had carried out the warrant, said he had acted on instructions from the Police station. The writ had been handed to him there. He understood it had been made out on the request of Wilkinson and Grist. The plaintiff was in custody for about two hours before being released on bail.

Witness was asked if there were tools or any machinery about the shop which could be used in such process as those which plaintiff had referred. Witness stated that there were a lot of articles about but saw no machinery.

The case is proceeding.

BRITISH IDEALS.

The Film as a Bond of Empire.

HELPING HOME STUDIOS.

Rugby, Mar. 16.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, moved the second reading of the Cinematograph Films Bill, which has for its object to increase the proportion of British films shown at cinema houses.

He said the cinema was the most universal medium to-day through which national ideas and national atmosphere could be spread.

If those were intangible things, they were surely most important things in a civilised country and in a great Empire. The strongest bonds of Empire were just those intangible bonds—common outlook, the same ideas and the same ideals typified in a common language and common literature.

Films were shown to-day to millions of people all through the Empire, and they must unconsciously influence the ideas and outlook of the British people. Only a fraction of something like five per cent at the present time of the films shown in the British Empire were of British origin.

From a trade viewpoint the influence of the cinema was no less important. Before the war 25 per cent of the films shown were British, but during the war British progress in the industry was stopped, and it was then that American competitors forged ahead, very often using British talent.

Faced with such competition, the British industry needed some measure of security, and the Bill sought to give it. It was proposed that the quota of British films which an exhibitor must show should always be lower than the quota imposed upon the renter. The renter's quota would begin in 1928, and the exhibitor's in 1929, and the quota in each case would start at 7 1/2 per cent and rise 2 1/2 per cent each year. He submitted that the figure was not too low. It was very important that there should be competition among British producers, and that was why the quota was deliberately kept low.—British Wireless Service.

WAR AND RIOT.

Danger Zones on the Yangtse.

NOTES ON NEW NAMES.

New names are cropping up in the latest despatches from the Yangtse as the scenes of war and anti-foreign riots.

A rough sketch map is given on this page of the Yangtse River valley by which non-Chinese will be able to better follow the progress of the war.

Trains broke out recently on the Yangtse, generally known as the Yangtse with Hankow as the centre (see map).

Labour agitators have got out of hand at Hankow, Kiukiang, Changsha, Ichang and other Treaty Ports.

Jumping-off Point.

These last two weeks, the trouble has spread downwards to the lower course of the River, the Nationalists having taken over territory eastwards of their previous frontiers.

Anking was the jumping-off point. Then the troops went down to Wuhu (see map) where the local Northern rabble turned over to Canton. At this port the Customs Club and Customs offices were looted and several non-Chinese were in danger of their lives.

Roughly speaking, the South-easterners are now hammering away at the zone between Nanking and Shanghai. One arm is moving northwards from Hangchow and has sent out a "branch" to make for Hankow by an indirect route. Fighting continues but the North-easterners still hold their lines.

Prediction Borne Out.

The offensive on this sector is probably a feint, as most of the "crack" Cantonese divisions are moving down the Yangtse from Wuhu. Their main objective is Nanking, the capital of Kiangsu province.

This city is not only of strategic importance but is also of historical note. It has been the southern capital of Emperors in the old days and was the seat of the Taiping Rebels' government about seventy years ago, until General Gordon defeated the "Son of Heaven," as the Cantonese adventurer styled himself.

A prediction was ventured in the "China Mail" a good many months ago—when the Cantonese captured Hankow and continued to march directly northwards—that before trying to attack Peking they would wheel sharply eastwards, follow the course of the Yangtse and make an attempt on Nanking first.

Tide Not Turned.

Nanking is connected to Shanghai by a railway which—according to to-day's wireless—has already been interfered with. Vernacular cables say that Kuomintang soldiers disguised as civilians cut the line. Whoever it may have been, the incident points to the Cantonese being very close on this Northern stronghold. On the opposite bank of the river to Nanking is Pukow, the southern terminus of the railway going North to Tsingtau (in Shantung), the headquarters of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang and thence on to Peking.

Although the pick of the Shantung and "White" Russian corps have been thrown into the battle, the tide has not turned.

Big Battle Imminent.

Each day brings into prominence new names that the Cantonese vanguard is threatening or has actually subdued, and it now seems that an engagement on a large scale is to be fought with Nanking as the prize.

About a week ago, Marshal Chang Tsung-chang ordered a counter-offensive on Wuhu, but his men are still on the defence.

Whereas in the first few days of the Fengtien-Shantung Party entering the fray, the majority of the Northern troops were poured from Nanking towards Shanghai and south of Shanghai, the new arrivals are being rushed in the

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Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" eighth Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Two competitors, tied for first place, with fully correct solutions.

being added to the Communists' empire, making one-third or one-fourth of the population of the world. Our business was not to force our factory or our social legislation on the Chinese—but to leave them to govern themselves.

Captain H. D. King, the Government spokesman, asserted that negotiation had been the forefront of the Government's policy all the time. They had also maintained strict neutrality, unlike the Opposition and had entirely sided with the Nationalist South and ignored the Northerners who held views just as honestly and sincerely as the South. We were not acting alone but in conjunction with all the other Powers.

The Labour amendment was rejected by 241 to 138 votes, and the Conservative vote of confidence was agreed to without division.—Reuter.

CHEERS FOR PRINCE.

Point to Point Race Won in Good Style.

Rugby, March 16.

The Prince of Wales won the Grenadier Guards Regimental point to point race at Bicester by two lengths amid the cheers of a large crowd.—British Wireless Service.

STILL SAFE.

MAILS VIA THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.

DAIREN OR TIENTSIN?

Is it safe to despatch mails via Siberia? That is a question which many who are in the habit of using this route have been asking themselves since the concentration of forces and outbreaks of hostilities on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, which connects the "Great Wall" of the trans-Siberian routes from Shanghai.

A correspondent in the "North China Daily News" suggests that the public would do well to indicate on their mails the subscription "Via Dairen" so as to leave the Post Office there no option but to despatch their mails by the safer of the two alternative routes.

On enquiry locally, the "China Mail" was informed that such a subscription would not help the local authorities and in regard to Shanghai, the latter authorities must obviously be keeping in touch with developments in the Tientsin neighbourhood and would not take risks which could be obviated.

In the meantime, mails to and from Europe via Siberia continue to travel regularly.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the Russian consulate is refusing to issue British passports for trans-Siberian travel on the ground that a delicate diplomatic situation exists between Russia and England. It is pointed out that England definitely threatened to break off relations with Russia and that the issue was still unsettled.

NEW ERA.

Hankow Municipal Council Begins.

Rugby, March 16.

The agreement reached with the Southern Nationalist Government regarding the British Consession at Hankow came into operation yesterday when the old municipality was dissolved.

King's Regulations enforcing the new Chinese Municipal Council have given valuable co-operation in the delicate details of transfer and the Chinese authorities for their part have displayed good faith and goodwill.

At the annual meeting of ratepayers yesterday the necessary business, including the voting of taxes and approval of the transfer of assets to the new municipality, was transacted.

Debentures are being registered in the Consulate as specific charges against Municipal properties, and a bond is under preparation whereby the new administration on receiving the assets undertakes to meet debenture payments to protect debenture charges on properties, and to notify debenture holders of their assumption of liabilities.

Three British Councilors nominated by the British Consul-General for the new joint council are the local managers of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., and Jardine, Matheson & Co.

The Nationalist Foreign Ministry has nominated the Mayor of Wuchang as Director, and three Chinese Councilors, including the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and a local labour leader, the latter expressly to deal with labour problems.—British Wireless Service.

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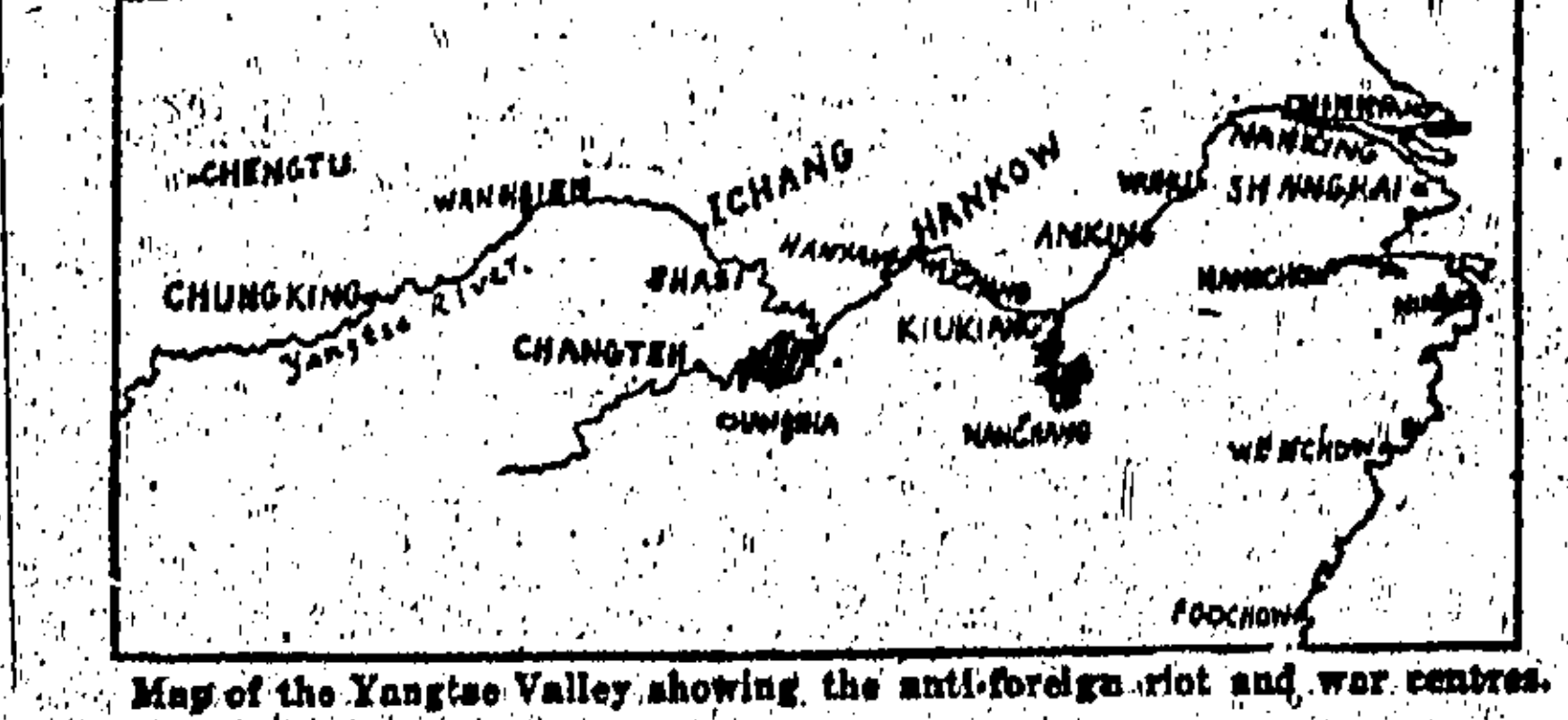
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DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1927. (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock NOON on SATURDAY, the 19th of March, 1927.

Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.**

EXTRA MEETINGS have been fixed provisionally for the following dates:—

26th March.
16th and 18th April.
7th May.
4th and 6th June.
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5th November.
26th November.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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NOTICES.**HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th March, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926, and to elect Officers, etc.

G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE 38TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 22nd March, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

NOTICE.**QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS'
ASSOCIATION.**

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 9th April, at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College.

Members desiring to attend are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, Chow Ping-un, Esq., c/o Assurance Franco-Asiatique, China Building.

By Order,
Queen's College Old Boys' Association,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

**NOTICES.****HONG KONG ENGINEERING &
CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.****NOTICE OF MEETING.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

**THE BANK OF CANTON,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

**THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

NOTICES.**SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE,
HONG KONG.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following Purposes:—
(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
(d) To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.
R. E. GREENSMITH,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th day of March, to MONDAY, the 26th day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927.

**THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD
STORAGE CO., LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927.

NOTICES.**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

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Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29th March, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

**THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the Thirtieth day of March, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document 'submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof' be approved and adopted as the 'Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing 'Articles thereof.'"

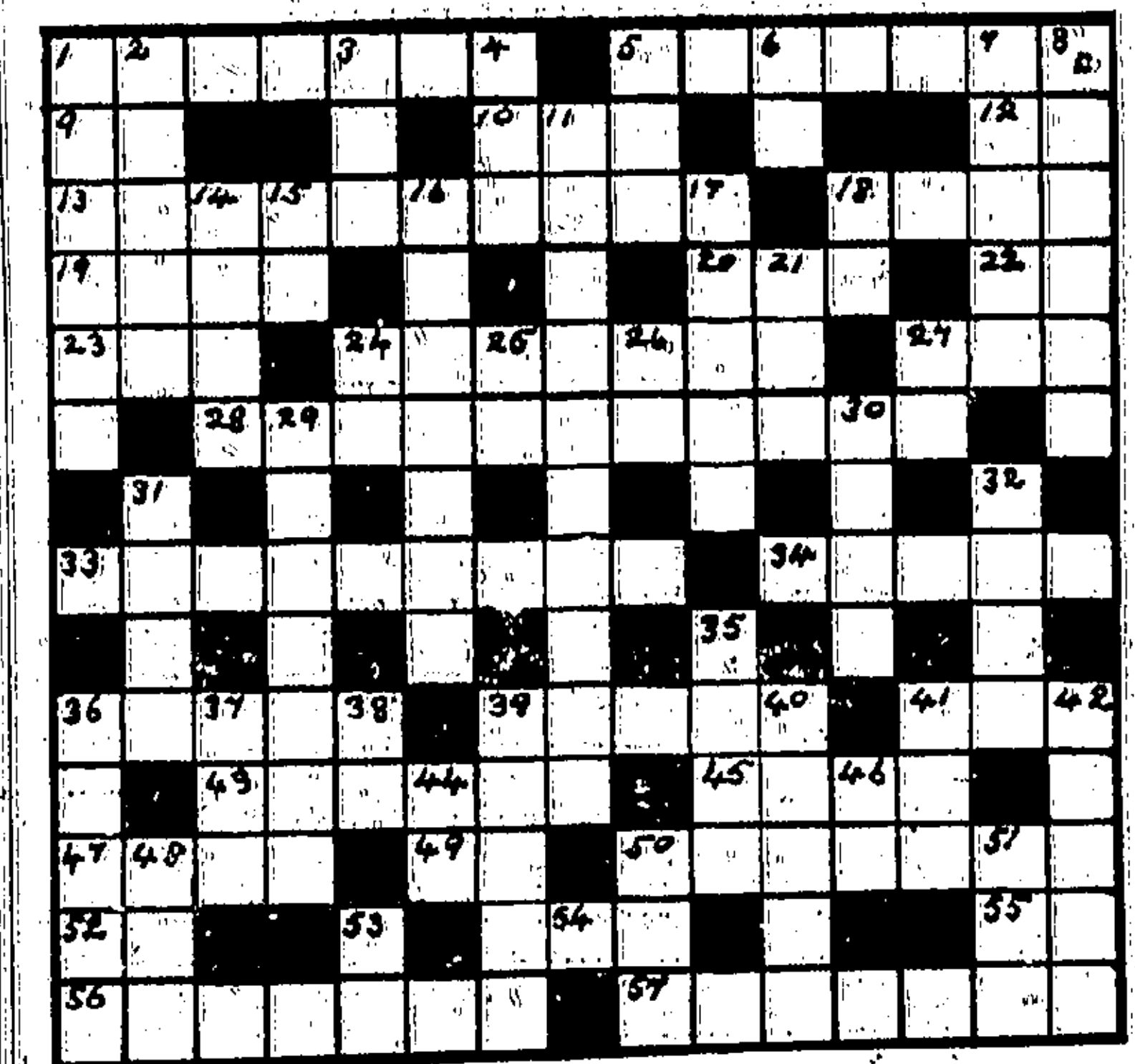
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the Twenty-first day of April, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of March, 1927.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
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[In the above puzzle it will be readily apparent that No. 54 across should be in the preceding square.]

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Clues Across.

1. Causing hurt.
5. A figure with nine angles.
9. The thing spoken of (pron.)
10. OMO (actual).
12. A Memphis god.
13. Excellence.
18. A quiet talk.
19. Long fish.
20. A small but strong horse.
22. TU (actual).
23. Prefix meaning "Three."
24. An officer who takes charge of cattle agisted.
27. By means of.
28. Quality of being most evident.
32. Relating to guardianship.
34. To make a harsh noise.
36. Gateway to an Egyptian temple.
39. A dangerous sore.
41. Showed the way.
43. To enclose in a case.
45. Ratio or proportion.
47. Electrolyte components.
49. Thank you!
50. Full of hatred on account of another's success.
52. Stretcher-bearer (abbrev.)
54. A firearm.
55. S E (actual).
56. A miscalculation.
57. Plays with.

Clues Down.

1. Exactness of treatment.
2. Second of two.
3. The grampus.
4. Male child.
5. Abbreviation for "Numbers."
6. Word of denial.
7. To deliver a public speech.
8. The power of growth.
11. In a condition in which dimensions are ascertainable.
14. OLIO (actual).
15. Present of "Be."
16. Covers over with gold.
17. A cake made on a giraffe.
18. Confined to barracks (abbrev.)
21. Metal in natural state.
24. A V (actual).
25. An exclamation of triumph.
26. Theosophical Society (abbrev.)
27. P S (actual).
29. Dress fasteners.
30. Secure.
31. Tax on goods.
32. Excellent.
35. An aquatic fowl.
36. A triangular shaped body of solid glass.
37. LIN (actual).
38. Northern Counties (abbrev.)
39. Fracture or custom.
40. A crow.
41. Fifth sign of the zodiac.
42. Portions of medicine.
43. Denotes presence.
44. A South Pacific tree.
46. A Japanese lady's wash.
50. The furthest point of anything.
51. Practice or employment.
53. Mother.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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| G. METZINGER | A | 26th Feb. | 30th Mar. |
| AMAZONE | B | 11th Mar. | 15th Apr. |
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PRISONER WITH PREVIOUS CONVICTION.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by the stipendiary magistrate (Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Holo, R.N.) this morning on the Chinese man who was found in a lady's cabin on board the "President Van Buren" at 3 a.m. on Tuesday. He pleaded guilty together yesterday with a boy of 13 who was given a whipping of 12 strokes. But the adult prisoner denied a previous conviction.

This morning, Det. Sub-Inspector Vincent (in charge of finger prints of the Criminal Investigation Department) produced proof of a sentence served by defendant in 1926 of three weeks for unlawful possession.

In reply to His Worship, prisoner said that he had nothing to say against the evidence and sentence was duly passed.

PIRATES CHASED.

SEQUEL TO CAPTURE OF TOW-BOAT.

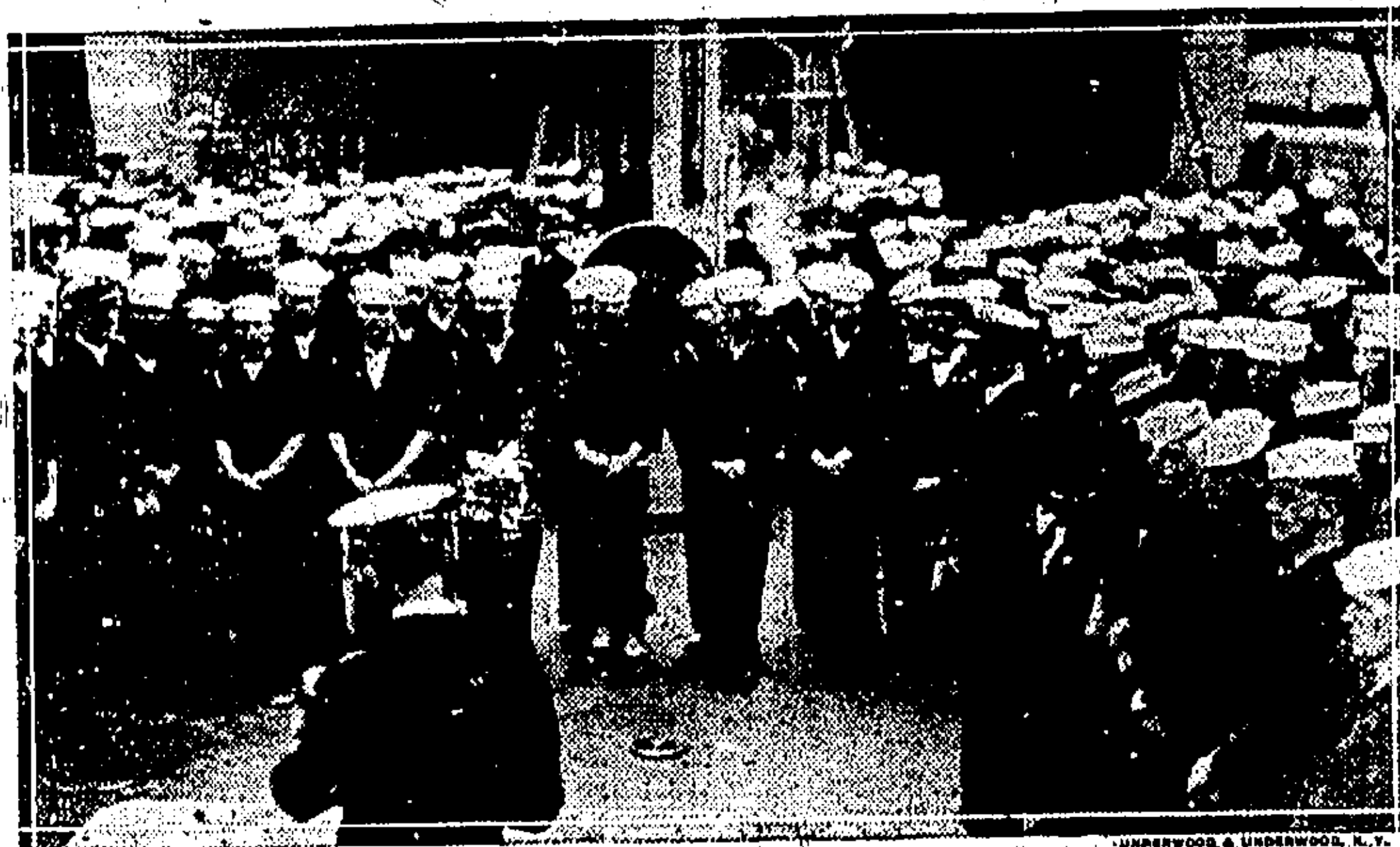
In connection with the recent piracy of the Canton-Tungum tow-boat, when over 100 passengers were captured, the Canton Government sent troops last week to the Shun Tak district where, it was reported, traces of the pirates were found.

Three leaders of the pirate gang were captured. The troops are continuing their search for the rest of the pirates, and it is hoped that the captives may soon be released.

SAMPAN ROBBERY.

Alleged to have been concerned in an armed robbery on a sampan at Causeway Bay on March 1, four Chinese were charged before Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McCallum appeared for the first man and Mr. O'Donoghue for the other.



Cash awards being distributed to the members of Gun Crew No. 8 of the U.S.S. "Memphis" for their efficiency as marksmen.

FOUND IN CABIN.

FIRING IN HARBOUR NEXT WEEK.

Gun firing will take place in the harbour next week and local shipping has been warned. The notice is given by the Chief Staff Officer of H.M.S. "Prohibitor," flagship of the 1st Cruiser Squadron which recently arrived here from the Mediterranean to join the China Station.

Field gun practice will be carried out from Stonecutters Island, on targets at Chung Hui Island at 2 p.m. on March 24. Should the practice be postponed, the practice takes place next day.

Chung Hui is the big island just inside Cape Horn Pass, the western entrance to the harbour. Near Chung Hui is Ma Wan Light and on the island itself is Chung Hui Datum with a large patch of cliff (facing Hong Kong) which is painted white for easy recognition.

PORT OF LONDON.

The Port of London Authority has voted a sum of £400,000 for works of improvement with a view to bringing the port up to date, says the Central News. Arrears of work accumulated during the war. The money will be used for equipment, additional cranes, repair of sheds, railway lines, and roads. All the money will be spent on British materials and British labour.

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| | Departure | Sunday March 20 5 a.m. |
| LAHAD DATU | Arrival | Sunday March 20 8 a.m. |
| | Departure | Sunday March 20 5 p.m. |
| JAMBONGAN | Arrival | Monday March 21 5 p.m. |
| | Departure | Wednesday March 23 5 a.m. |
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| KHIVA | 9,135 | 16th April | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
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LINERS OF FUTURE.

THE TRANSATLANTIC SPEED CHALLENGE.

GERMAN-ITALIAN RIVALRY.

The recent pronouncement of Signor Mussolini to the effect that Italy intended to build Transatlantic liners capable of developing a speed of anything up to 40 sea miles per hour was not taken very seriously at the time it was made, and experts strongly contested the feasibility of such plans. Yet, according to Dr. Paul Rudolf Singer, who writes with some authority on shipping matters, there are good reasons for a change of opinion on this question.

These reasons he discusses in a contribution to the "Vossische Zeitung." The increase in the speeds of passenger-carrying ships, he argues, will be brought about more particularly by the corresponding efforts in connection with the air traffic which is now in its infancy. Maritime navigation will constantly endeavour to maintain its present capacity for competing with aerial navigation.

A very important factor in reshaping the whole of the passenger traffic from continent to continent was the limitation of the immigrant quotas in the United States. As a consequence there was a considerable change in ideas regarding the single-class ship, leading to the introduction—in addition to the ship with third-class accommodation only—of vessels with only first-class cabins and eliminating the second-class altogether. Steamers with the measurements of the "Imperator" class—apart altogether from the fundamental question of whether they are economically profitable—with the limited amount of emigration to-day, can in no circumstances be made to pay, for it is doubtful, for the present period of service of such ships, it would be possible to get together the number of emigrants necessary merely for paying expenses.

The Italian shipbuilders, Dr. Singer continues, have realised that with their single-class (first only) ship with a higher speed and a relatively smaller, size they can secure an advantage in the international shipping market which the other maritime countries will not find it very easy to overhaul. In the course of the coming years we shall have to reckon, in the first place, with passengers to whom every hour means money, and who will, therefore, be satisfied only with the highest possible speed for their journeys. That points to the air route. The second group of passengers will also attach importance to speed, but as much to comfort as well, and to the cost of air travel, together with its attendant risks, will be too high, so that the four-day fast steamer will satisfy them. That means fast ocean traffic. The third group will consist of the rest of the travellers who wish to cross the ocean in normal conditions, and in the most comfortable way. These are the ordinary travelling public.

According to the latest information, and more particularly to many searching conversations with the leading German shipbuilders, the German shipbuilding plans are to be taken very seriously. Similar plans have been worked out quite independently in Germany, but have been turned down, although they aroused some interest in German Government circles. Mussolini has secured a great advantage for Italian shipping in that he was able to get the widest publicity for his plans, whereas one hears of similar German plans only in a casual way.

The building of the future single-class passenger ship of high speed, and relatively small capacity, but with high earning power, will naturally be quite different to that of the usual merchant ship. The question of shape has already been settled in a manner, that there is little more to learn. In pre-war shipbuilding practice the warship types were adopted for fast commercial vessels, and it is quite possible that with the adoption of a pure "cruiser-form" (tetrahedron) with relatively small horsepower and not unusual measurements, ships could be produced at German yards of the same sort and of the same value as those which the Italian shipbuilders are about to build.

Lightest Material. These cruiser-forms, which would thus be made to serve peaceful ends would have all the requisite accommodation for passengers, luggage, dining and social saloons. An important saving in weight could be effected by adopting modern principles and using the lightest possible materials in the interior of the hull, which would itself be constructed of the highest class shipbuilding steel. For the whole of the cabin construction duralumin could be adopted, following the example of airship construction.

With a capacity for 350 passengers and the usual saloons, these vessels would have a length of about 180 metres and a displacement of 17,000 to 18,000 tons, while with triple screws the speed should be between 27 and 28 knots. That is following the type of German cruiser building, in order, however, to reach similar measurements to those of the proposed Italian ships and at the same time to achieve more economic conditions, the figures would have to be displacement, 27,000 to 28,000 tons; length, 220 metres; speed, 22-23 knots.

One question which will have to be considered in connection with the profit-earning capacity will be what

size can be regarded as economic in present-day conditions. It may be assumed that the German project, involving a relatively small application of power for the development of the necessary speed, has most in its favour when it comes to a question of competition with the Italians. The propelling force would be developed by the highest class geared turbines and oil-fired high-pressure water-tube boilers and for installations of this kind some extremely valuable data has been accumulated from experience both by the German shipyards and by the shipowners. There seems to be little doubt that the number of passengers mentioned (about 350 first-class) could easily be got together for each voyage in the height of the travelling season when vessels of this type would earn the bulk of their revenue.

Aeroplanes as Tenders. "It must be admitted that for certain groups of passengers a limit will have to be placed on the desired speed. At the same time the increasing speed of world travel will necessitate some kind of connection between land and water travel by means of the aeroplanes. For this purpose, the arrival or

NOT LOST.

Spanish Submarine's Diving Feats.

Madrid, March 16. The Ministry of Marine in an official statement with regard to reports that Submarine B6 had been sunk, states that the vessel submerged for 72 hours under perfect control and returned to her base still submerged in perfect condition.—Reuter.

A telegram from Cartagena on March 12 stated that Spain's latest submarine B6 had not appeared for three days. It was last seen diving.

departure of the "ocean-greyhounds," the big sports deck could be so arranged that passengers could be brought aboard or taken to land by means of small, fast aeroplanes. In the expert world such plans have already been under discussion—plans which have hitherto been regarded as beyond the range of possibility, and as being too expensive to enable the suggested vessels to pay their way.

Travelers from Europe to North America should be completely satisfied if a trip by aircraft does not exceed 48 hours in the future, while the reduction of the sea voyage from Cherbourg to New York to four days, as would be possible with 32-knot ships, should be quite acceptable. Corresponding speeds could be attained on the voyage to South America, although at the present time there is not the same large demand for them.

Against this project it may perhaps be objected that such ships could not permanently be built, it would only be their novelty which would attract people to use them. The reply to this objection is that in the case of aeroplane traffic, with its much smaller carrying capacity, everything possible is being done at great expense to reduce the duration of the voyage. Taking all things into consideration, it may be positively maintained that the building of ships of the kind indicated is not a problematical or Utopian scheme, but a real necessity.

Cost of Construction. "If the economic condition of Germany at the present time the cost of construction is a decisive factor, and in this connection positive figures are obtainable. Naturally it is impossible to make a profit with only one of these vessels. A regular service must be established. While the Italians are hoping to achieve their object with two vessels only, the German shipping companies, as well as the English, are of opinion that for a regular notation, three ships of the same class and kind are required. The build cost for the above-mentioned swift passenger vessels would be about 33,000,000 Reichsmarks, so that for three of them the sum of say, 100,000,000 Reichsmarks would have to be provided, together with interest and sinking fund. Having regard to the high figures which are customary to-day in every kind of business that amount is not a great deal.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd is spending a similar amount on the two 45,000-ton passenger ships, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class, that are to say, the ships whose struggle for existence will be none too easy. As the big liner ship owners are now building at their common cost two ocean greyhounds, the "Rex" and "Dux," one at the Stabilimento Tecnico, Monfalcone and the other at the Ansaldo yard, Genoa—which will become formidable competitors in international shipping, it behoves the German shipping companies seriously to concern themselves with the same problem. The leading men in German shipping circles must become accustomed to the idea that in world business decisions must be taken swiftly and that the advantage will rest with those who most quickly translate their decisions into reality.

SHIPS IN PORT.

There were 71 passenger-marchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour this morning of which number 24 were British flag and 10-22 arrivals from Germany and 10-22 arrivals from Germany and 10-22 arrivals from Germany.

RIVER & GUNBOATS.

30-YEAR-OLD BRITISH BOATS.

THE OLD & NEW.

The little West River gunboats "Moorhen" and "Robin" have long been under the shadow of the axe, but apparently it is not the intention of the Admiralty to do anything in the way of their scrapping yet awhile, for two new captains have just been appointed. These little ships are 30 years old, and are the oldest naval vessels in really active employment, but they have worked every month of their life, have earned every penny they cost many times over, and are still wonderfully efficient.

Biggest in the World. It must not be forgotten that the Red Ensign is carried into all sorts of old corners in China by the Mercantile Marine, and that it is always in need of protection, especially during the present unquiet days. The four new gunboats which are now being constructed are understood to be improved in the world whose draught does not exceed four feet, but far too cumbersome and unhandy to navigate the upper gorges where the "Robin" and "Moorhen" have proved themselves so extraordinarily useful.

Saved Hundreds of Lives. It is true that they only mount two six-pounder guns against the two six-inchers of the bigger boats, but they can take those guns anywhere and have done it on innumerable occasions. During the present crisis they have been responsible for the saving of some hundreds of lives, says the "Journal of Commerce." When the time comes to replace them with other small craft it will be rather interesting to hear if there is any reason against Diesel engines being fitted for steam work during the summer months is very trying indeed to white engine-room and stockhold ratings, and there appears to be little objection to the Diesel in ships which are mostly protected top-hammer.

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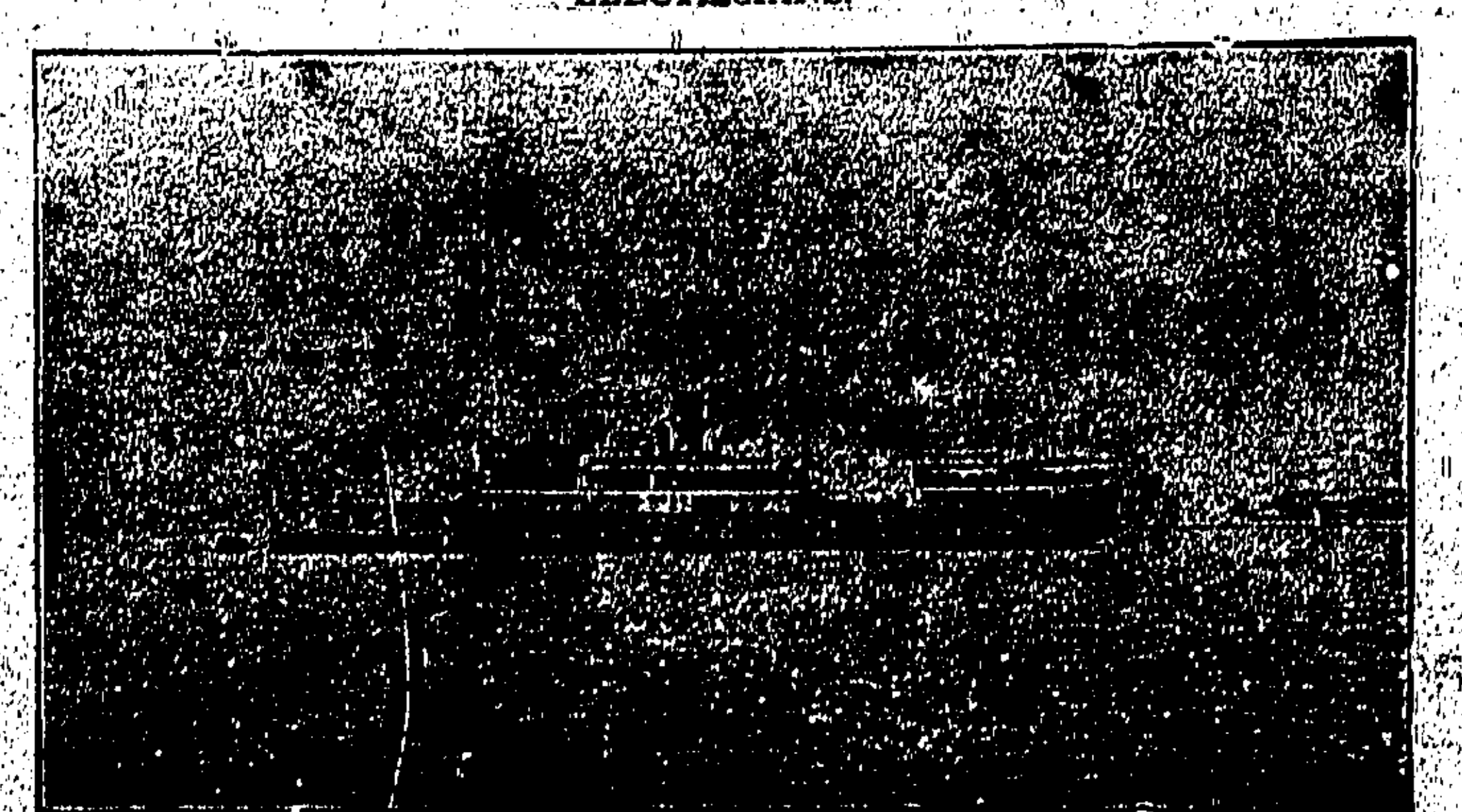
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THE LESSON OF HANKOW.

The transfer of the British

Concession at Hankow to the new

Municipal Council has been com-

pleted. The events which pre-

ceded this transfer having been

clouded with distrust, owing to

the violence stirred up by agita-

tors, it is as well to emphasize

that Britain's action in making

the transfer is in no sense the out-

come of coercion, but is dictated

solely by an earnest desire to

meet the Chinese. The fact that

the British were at one time com-

pelled largely to evacuate the

Concession owing to the menacing

attitude of the mobs, while it

meant leaving the Concession in

Chinese hands temporarily, did

not have any real bearing on the

future of the Concession, since

the British, under proper naval

and military safeguards, could

have resumed occupation at will

sooner or later. The Concession

has now been transferred solely

as the result of negotiation, a

point clearly established by the

formal handing back of the Con-

cession to the British before its

transfer to the new authority.

The object of making this fact

clear is not to "save face," but

simply to emphasize the moral of

the transfer. Whatever opinion

may be held regarding the wis-

dom of the new arrangement, at

this stage of the civil war, there

can be no question that it offers

a valuable lesson, a lesson which

the Nationalists would do well to

take to heart. The British, as

their history proves, can be a

stubborn race, and, as their

history also proves, they can be a

generous race. The role they
adopt is usually dictated by the
treatment they receive. If that
treatment is intolerant they are
apt to grit their jaws, and no
amount of bullying will make
them weaker. If the treatment is
reasonable and manifests a spirit
of give and take there is no race
in the world quicker to make con-
cessions or to arrange a com-
promise. That is the lesson of
Hankow. What violence could
never have achieved, negotiation
brought about. When next the
mobs shows signs of breaking loose
the Nationalists would do well to
remember this, for if the success
of their campaign depends in large
measure on winning back the con-
cessions as a means of impressing
the populace with the patriotic
nature of their aims, a mistake in
this direction may easily mean
the breaking of their cause.

Inconsistent.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has
again been explaining Labour's
attitude in regard to China. La-
bour supports diplomatic negotia-
tions, but is opposed to sending
troops to Shanghai. In the same
breath Mr. MacDonald has had to
point out that "it had already
been necessary for a protecting
force to be on the spot in Shang-
hai." That is "glorious incon-

sistency" with a vengeance. It
is to be hoped that the Govern-
ment candidate will make the
most of this in the by-election at
Leith where the Labour candidate
in a manifesto declares that "the
British troops are at present in
China to enable the capitalists to
exploit Chinese resources." If
Mr. MacDonald would like to exer-
cise his duties as head of the La-
bour Party he himself ought to
tell the Leith electors that his can-
didate has told what the Unionist
candidate well describes as "a de-
liberate and calculated lie." It is
also to be hoped that both the
China Association and the China
Committee are taking a hand in
the electoral campaign. In Leith
seeing that the Chinese situation
is the principal issue at stake.
When men of the type of Mr.
R. F. Wilson, who has already
tested defeat at a Leith election,
go out of their way to malign their
own countrymen and make capital
of the necessity for defending British
residents in China, no counter-
propaganda can be too strong
for them. They are a disgrace
even to the Labour Party which,
on the whole, is not so extremist
as to remain silent when such "de-
liberate and calculated lies" are
broadcast. Still, as Mr. Mac-
Donald himself is quite at sea it
would be too much to expect him
to contradict Mr. Wilson and thus
jeopardise any chances the La-
bour Party has of winning a seat
in a triangular contest.

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at the Supreme Court, to Mabel
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late brother, Frank Portland Long,
formerly manager of the B.A.T. at
Yunnanfu and a citizen of the
United States of America.
Letters of administration have
been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis,
solicitor of Hong Kong, in respect
of the \$2,200 estate of Mr. F. Glas
who died intestate in Hong Kong
in July of last year.

MARYKNOLL MISSION.

Monsignor J. E. Walsh's
Career.

SOUTH CHINA MISSION WORK.

Bishop-elect Mgr. James
Edward Walsh who has just been
elevated by His Holiness the Pope
to a Bishopric as Vicar Apostolic
of Kongmoon, is 35 years of age,
and after his consecration towards
the end of May will be the young-
est Bishop of any Christian de-
nomination in China.

Born in Cumberland, Maryland,
the son of devout Catholic par-
ents, Mgr. Walsh's father was a
prominent lawyer of that City,
and young Walsh was intended for
a legal career. At an early age,
however, he showed unmistakable
leanings towards a religious voca-
tion, and in this he was whole-
heartedly supported by his par-
ents. He was still in his teens
when he started his studies for
the priesthood, being one of the
first students to enter the Sem-
inary of the newly founded Catholic
Foreign Mission Society of
America at Ossining, Maryknoll,
New York. This was in 1911.
Four years later, in 1915, Mgr.
Walsh was ordained priest at the
young age of 23. On account of
his exceptional ability, Father
Walsh (as he then was) was ap-
pointed Director of "The Venard,"
the Maryknoll Society's Prepara-
tory College at Clark's Summit,
Scranton, Pennsylvania. "The
Venard," it is of interest to note
here, is named after the Blessed
Jean Theophane Venard, a young
French priest who was martyred
in Tonking, Indo-China, on Feb-
ruary 2, 1861.

In 1919 Father Walsh arrived in
Hong Kong as one of a little band
of four young priests who came
out to China as pioneers in the
foreign mission field of their So-
ciety. Father Walsh's compan-
ions were Fathers Price, Ward
and Ford. Father Price was the
superior of the little group. Full
of zeal and enthusiasm, the young
missionaries were impatient to go
out into the field, but they had to
spend a couple of months in the
Colony first as guests of the Very
Rev. Fr. Spada at the Rectory of
the Rosary Church, Kowloon, and
later in their own little Mission
House on Chatham Road, before
their desire was gratified. At last
other members of the Society ar-
rived to take charge of the little
procuration and the four van-
guards went cheerfully out to
Kongmoon as assistants to Bishop
Fourquet's seasoned missionaries,
of whose Vicariate Apostolic of
Canton the district of Kongmoon
then formed part. Twelve short
months afterwards sadness over-
took the little band when their
superior, Father Price, was called
away by the grim reaper. Father
Walsh succeeded him as superior
in the Mission.

The language difficulty was by
far the biggest obstacle the young
priests had to surmount, but they
faced it with a will and very soon
they were quite at home; and once
placed on common ground they
had no difficulty in gaining the
confidence of the homely people
they had come to minister to.

Soon Bishop Fourquet was able
to entrust the whole of the vic-
arinate to the care of the young
Americans take his own mission-
aries to other parts where mis-
sioners were sorely needed. Then
the Pope showed his appreciation
by creating a Prefecture Apostolic
for the Americans at Kongmoon,
and Father Walsh was made the
Prefect Apostolic with the cour-
tesy title of Monsignor. Now,
after eight years of unselfish la-
bour, they have received further
recognition, and the Maryknoll
Society, now represented in East-
ern Asia by a little army of more
than 100 Priests, Brothers and
Sisters stretched over Kwang-
tung, Kwangsi and Manchuria
Provinces, and in Korea have a
Vicariate of their own with a
young but seasoned missionary as
their Bishop.

The headquarters of the So-
ciety's Priests and Brothers in
China is the Maryknoll Mission
Procure, No. 160, Austin Road,
Kowloon, the Procurator of which
is Rev. Fr. William J. Downs. The
Sisters of the Mission in China
also have their centre house in
Kowloon at No. 103, Austin Road.

The perils of missionary life in
the interior of China are illustrat-
ed by the lucky escape which Mgr.
Walsh and Father O'Melia had
from being amongst the victims
of the piracy of the Customs
launch near Macao not so long
ago. They owe their lives to the
fortunate circumstances that the
crime was committed while the
launch was on the trip to instead
of from Macao, as it had been
their intention to travel on the
launch back to Pakkai after a
short rest from their labours in
Hog Kong.

However, the missionaries' way
of putting self in the back-ground
led to the episode being dismissed
by the following short paragraph
culled from a diary from Hong
Kong headed "The Pebble" and
printed in the February number

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Result of the Eighth
Puzzle.

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gether with the congratulations of
the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Across.

1. CANKER; 7. BUSTLE; 13.
ARE; 14. RUHR; 15. NOWEL; 16.
NEWTON; 18. OYES; 19. ONO; 20.
NEAT; 21. PA; 22. EN; 24. TP; 25.
SALVIA; 26. CRATED; 30. SEC.

Down.

1. CAN; 2. ARENA; 3. NEWELS;
4. EROTIC; 5. RUN; 6. BROA-
CHER; 8. UNSETTLING; 9. SO;
10. TWO 11. LENT; 12. ELOPED;
17. TAVERN; 23. NEEDS; 25.
STRINKLE; 27. RA; 28. ATE; 29.
DREADS; 31. COAL; 32. ER; 34.
TEAR; 36. ETON; 37. DP; 38. SO;
40. HOARDING; 42. ON; 45. WEN;
48. TAGLIA; 49. CHASE; 51.
GROPE; 53. BOA; 55. EN; 56.
OB; 58. NEST; 60. TRON; 62.
ZEBU; 63. NS; 65. TOR; 66. OS.

CHARTERED BANK.

DIVIDEND FOR LAST HALF
YEAR.

BONUS & APPROPRIATION.

The local office of the Chartered
Bank of India, Australia & China
has received the following telegram
from the head office:—

"At the approaching meeting of
shareholders, directors will recom-
mend a dividend for the past half-
year at the rate of 14 per cent per
annum free of income tax and a
bonus of 6s. 3d. per share.
"£25,000 added to Officers' Pen-
sion Fund.
"£40,000 written off Premises.
"£100,000 set aside on account of
contingencies.
"£215,354.5.3d. carried forward."

ORGAN RECITAL.

TO-MORROW'S CATHEDRAL
PROGRAMME.

COLLECTION FOR FUND.

To-morrow evening at 5.45,
Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O.,
L.T.C.L. (the Cathedral Chaplain),
is to give an organ recital in St.
John's Cathedral, assisted by Mr.
C. D. Lake (tenor).

The next recital will be on Fri-
day, March 25 at 5.45 p.m.
Collections will be for the Organ
Fund.

To-morrow's programme is:—

1.—Intermezzo, Hollins.
2.—Andantino in D. Flat, Lemare.
3.—Lamentation, Guilmant.
4.—Tenor Solo, "But, Thou' didst
not Leave," Handel.
5.—Allegretto in B. Minor,
Guilmant.
6.—Hymn 163 (and collection).
7.—Tenor Solo, (a). Recit: "Sing
Ye Praise," (b) Aria: "He Counteth
all Your Sorrows, Mendelssohn."
8.—Humoreske, Dvorak.
9.—Marche Solennelle, Mailly.

Rome, March 16.—Lou Cheng-
chiang, a fervent Catholic and
former Chinese Foreign Minister
who headed the Chinese delegation
to the Paris peace conference, is
now retiring into private life from
the post of Minister at Bern. He
has sent all decorations to the Pope
as a sign of homage, asking permis-
sion to leave to the pontiff a momen-
to of the culminating phases of his
career.—Reuter.

of "The Field Afar," the official
monthly magazine of the Society
published at Maryknoll, New
York:—

"Mgr. Walsh and Fr. O'Melia
came back from Macao. The
Customs boat which was to
have arrived from Pakkai failed
to put in an appearance.
Since then we have learned that
it was pirated and the Euro-
pean officer probably killed.
The boat itself was after some
days recovered, aground. The
party made a second attempt to
get to Pakkai—and succeeded,
after a further delay of some
days in Macao."

SEAMEN AND CHINA.

Trades Union Congress
Rebuked.

DEMAND FOR A BALLOT.

At a largely-attended meeting of
Liverpool seafarers, a resolution
was adopted protesting against the
action of the "members of the
General Council of the Trades
Union Congress in supporting the
"Hands-off-China" policy. The re-
solution declared, in part:—

We would remind the General
Council that it is the duty of his
Majesty's Government, regardless
of all political views and policies,
to be at all times prepared to afford
our fellow-countrymen, women, and
children adequate protection from
aggression both at home and
abroad; and that we, our profes-
sion as seamen being an interna-
tional calling, consider it to be es-
sential that we are guaranteed im-
munity from interference by foreign
aggression whilst engaged in our
legitimate occupation of carrying on
the trade, and commerce of the
Empire. Only by means of such
protection for the Mercantile
Marine has it been possible in the
past to build up the prosperity of
England, and recent events in Far
Eastern waters have given rise to
much apprehension in the minds of
the seafaring classes as to our
future security, both as regards the
freedom of the high seas and im-
munity from acts of violence whilst
ships are in Eastern ports. The
General Council are fully aware
that such fears and apprehensions
are fully justified by the acts of
piracy and barometry which have
been carried out recently against
British ships in Chinese waters.

Duty of General Council.

We would point out that it is the
duty of the General Council to pro-
tect the interests of the workers of
this country, and that our wide-
ranging trade and commerce in China,
built up by the merchant seamen of
all ratings, represents employment
to hundreds and thousands of our
fellow-workers in the ship-yards,
docks, factories, and mines of this
country. At the same time stress-
ing the fact that the territory oc-
cupied by us in China has been
granted to us by agreement in the
form of a treaty entered into be-
tween a previous Chinese Govern-
ment and this country, not be armed
persuasion.

Further, we claim that the game
of embarrasing the Government at
such a critical juncture may be per-
fectly legitimate for a political
party, but that our trade union
movement, which is purely and
simply an industrial organisation,
should not allow themselves to be-
come involved in such political
issues, more especially as in the
event of our legitimate interests in
China being stolen from us by
force, the tremendous trading and
commercial concerns which have
been built up in that country
through British initiative and Brit-
ish capital will be lost to us, and
as a consequence thousands of our
fellow-workers will be thrown out
of employment. It is the primary
duty of the General Council of the
T.U.C. to do their best to alleviate
unemployment, not to intensify the
trouble.

"Red" Movement.

Touching our own interests as
seamen and members of the
National Union of Seamen, a body
which is affiliated to the T.U.C., and
which contributes its proportional
quota of the funds of the Congress,
we emphatically protest against the
use of any portion of the said funds
for the furtherance of such a move-
ment as the bogus "Hands-off-China"
campaign, a dangerous political
movement which has no real sup-
port from the vast majority of
workers of this country, and which
has been initiated by the "Reds"
from Moscow and their allies in this
country. Our protest is rendered
more emphatic by the knowledge
that these same "Reds" are the
people who engineered the disas-
trous mining and general strikes,
thus bringing much poverty and
misery into the homes of thousands
of our fellow-countrymen.

We therefore, under the foregoing
circumstances, beg, beseech, and
finally demand that the General
Council of the T.U.C. shall take no
further part in this pernicious
anti-national campaign until they
have adopted the constitutional
course of taking a ballot vote of
all trades unions, societies, and
bodies affiliated to Congress, seeing
that this is the only safe and pro-
per course to pursue.

CONTRACTOR SWINDLED.

A building contractor living at
No. 14, Mau Lan Street, Yaumati,
has made a report to the police that
he has been swindled to the extent
of \$600.

He went to a salt shop at 10 a.m.
yesterday and contracted to buy
\$600 worth of salt. The salt was
to have been delivered to him at
noon, but he was required to pay
spot cash, which he did. When the
salt was not delivered at the ap-
pointed time he made enquiries and
discovered that the manager of the
shop had absconded with his money.

Suffering from an injured eye
caused by a fall, a former employe
at No. 3, Pumping Station, Pokfulam
Road, was yesterday taken to
hospital for treatment.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATION FROM SINGAPORE.

SOME RECENT DIVIDENDS.

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| Messrs. Carrol Bros. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore that rubber is now quoted at 70 1/2 cents per pound. | |
| The following dividends have been declared, viz:— | |
| Jimnals 10 per cent. Interim | |
| Kempas 15 per cent. Interim | |
| Hoytors 20 per cent. Final | |
| Sandycrofts 25 per cent. Final | |
| Tekuk Anson 15 per cent. Final | |
| Ulu Benuts 12 1/2 per cent. Final | |
| Allenby's | 4.95 |
| Alor Gajahs | 4.95 |
| Amalgamated Malays | 4.60 |
| Ayer Moleks | 2.90 |
| Balgownies | 13.60 |
| Bassett's | 4.0 |
| Brogas | 1.10 |
| Bukit Jelutongs | 1.55 |
| Bukit Katils | 1.15 |
| Chanzyat Serdangs | 1.20 |
| Chennemaras | 10.25 |
| Clenelies | 2.00 |
| Indragiris | 2.85 |
| Jomans | 14.00 |
| Jomans | 1.95 |
| Jimnals | 2.85 |
| Kedahs | 2.85 |
| Kempas | 4.90 |
| Kuala Sidims | 0.50 |
| Lunas | 4.15 |
| Malaka Pindas | 4.10 |
| Malakoffa | 2.75 |
| Mandai Tekongs | 4.80 |
| Mayfields | .75 |
| Mentakabs | 14.25 |
| New Serendahs | .60 |
| Pajams | 5.30 |
| Pangrohs | 2.05 |
| Pangrohs | 1.45 |
| Sandycrofts | 3.5 |
| Scudals | .95 |
| Sungei Bagangs | 4.35 |
| Tapahs | 3.50 |
| Fambelaks | 1.50 |
| Tekuk Ansons | 10.75 |
| United Malacca | 2.70 |
| Utan Simpans | 4.80 |
| Price of Raw Rubber 70 1/2 cent. per lb. | |

AVIATORS' FEAT.

FLYING OVER SWAMP AND JUNGLE.

A PERILOUS VENTURE.

San Luiz Carreira, March 17. In the course of a 600-mile flight here from Asuncion to-day, the Marquis de Pineda and companions flew over country never before traversed.

The aviators' route lay over impassable jungles and inhospitable swamps, haunted by alligators and giant snakes. So muddy that landing was virtually out of the question.

The only inhabitants of these regions are fierce half-savage Indians. Had the aviators been obliged to make a forced landing, their position would have been very perilous as the aeroplane is not equipped with wireless.

The next destination is Manaus.

DANGER POST.

THE SAFETY OF BRITISH IN NICARAGUA.

Rugby, March 16. Answering a question as to how many British warships were now in Nicaragua waters, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary said that only the "Colombo" was despatched there. She left again on March 5, the British Charge d'Affaires having reported that her presence is no longer necessary, since sufficient American forces had been landed for the protection of foreign life and property.

No British subjects took refuge on the "Colombo." It was not anticipated that in present circumstances it would be necessary again to despatch any British warship to Nicaraguan waters.—British Wireless Service.

NAVAL CONFERENCE.

New York, March 16. A message from Washington to the "New York Evening Post" says that former Secretary of State Hughes will be invited to head the American delegation at the three power naval disarmament conference at Geneva.—Reuter's American Service.

BRIDGES STREET ROBBERY.

Another Chinese has been arrested in connection with the armed robbery at No. 21, Bridges Street on Saturday night. He was produced before Major Wilson this morning, and on the application of the police he was formally remanded until March 23 when he will be charged together with the other man now in custody.

WARMER LATER.

E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, finer and warmer later in the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

The monsoon will moderate.

A Chinese woman was admitted to hospital yesterday after taking an over-dose of eucalyptus.

ENCOURAGING.

St. Joseph's Year's Activities.

PRIZES PRESENTED.

A year of full activities and encouraging results was the subject of review at the annual prize-distribution and speech day yesterday of St. Joseph's College, among those present being the Principal (Brother Almar), Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. W. W. Hornell C. I. E. Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University and the Rev. Father Spada.

The Principal in his report referred to the celebration of their Golden Jubilee by the School and to the visits of H.E. Monsignor C. Constantini, His Lordship Bishop Yalhorta, and others whose interest in the material and moral welfare of the School was an incentive to renewed efforts in the cause of Christian education.

After referring in detail to examination results and the acquisition of two laboratories, the encouraging reports of inspectors, medical and otherwise, the progress of the Chatham Road branch in Kowloon, the success of the students at games, the progress of Scout and St. John Ambulance work, the Principal said that it was the object of the schools authorities continually to bear in mind in their teaching that education was primarily a moral and mental discipline.

In conclusion, the Principal thanked the Rev. Fathers L. Raneho and A. Rignanti for ministering so assiduously to the spiritual needs of the boys and congratulated Old Boys of the School on successes attained in various professions and in University examinations. The thanks of the authorities were also due to those who had so generously contributed to the prize fund to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Hong Kong Benevolent Society who paid the school fees of boys in poor circumstances and supplied them with books and stationery and to the Rev. Father Rignanti for the musical training the boys have received from him and the musical treat they had enjoyed that afternoon.

Mr. Hornell's Address.

Mr. W. W. Hornell after presenting the prizes, said:—We have just listened to an excellent Report which, among many other merits, has the supreme virtue of being honest. I shall imitate its brevity though I can't hope to attain either to its eloquence or to its interest.

You have said Brother Almar, that as Brothers of the Christian Schools you are over-mindful that education is primarily a moral and mental discipline. More than 2,000 years ago Aristotle taught that the State had an end, a moral character, and that the failure to produce this fixed type of character or ethos is the failure of the State; for that ethos is the living spirit which keeps the political body healthy and united. "The greatest of all securities," Aristotle wrote, "for the permanence of constitutions is what all men now neglect, namely an education in accordance with the constitutions, for the best laws in the spirit of the State."

I suspect that you boys sometimes think that you do not get the chances in life which you would have had if you had been born, say, Englishmen in England or Americans in the United States. Very possibly you don't. I am not going to argue about that. There is no greater waste of energy than fashioning yourself because you have not got what some other fellow has, and what in your opinion, he does not deserve. The world, at this moment, is distracted by envy and covetousness. Class against class. Nation against nation. East against West. But I want to tell you that the secret of success is personality—character. This has been repeated from a thousand school platforms till it has become a fine sentiment which means little or nothing. But it is much more than a fine sentiment. We all know that personal magnetism is how it begets loyalty and command respect. But we speak of personal magnetism as though there were something mysterious about it—a magic quality bestowed on one in a thousand and denied to all the rest. This is not true! The essential element in personal magnetism is a consuming sincerity, an overwhelming faith in the importance of the work one has to do.

"Deadly Enemies."

Most of us go through the world mentally divided against ourselves. We wonder whether we are in the right jobs, whether we are making the right friends, whether we are doing the best for ourselves, egoists all. And we get so distracted by anxiously debating these trivialities within ourselves that in the end we fall back on the suggestion that after all nothing is as important as it seems to be, and that too, we debate within ourselves. Our deadliest enemies are, in fact, those of our own being and creation. Instinctively, we wait for a commanding voice, for one who shall say authoritatively, "I have the truth, this way lies happiness and salvation."

I believe that the Brothers of the Christian Schools are men of sincerity and conviction. If they were not why are they here? You boys are lucky to have come under the influence of such men, and my ad-

vise to you is "Emulate the Brothers in their single-mindedness and devotion; in so far as you succeed in doing this you will attain, if not to worldly triumphs, at least to that serenity without which life, however embellished by wealth or pomp, is not worth living."

In conclusion, Mr. Hornell said that the University would welcome all the boys St. Joseph's College cared to send. He wished the college "Godspeed" in everything it undertook. He did not know if St. Joseph's College was built upon a rock, but if their experience of the storm of last July was any criterion then they might well say "Storms may rise but they will not prevail against St. Joseph's College." (Applause.)

The Prizes.

The prizes were distributed as follows:

Matriculation Honours: Trieu-Xuong (Dist. French).
Matriculation: Passes:—Edgar Mathias (Dist. English), Alberto Rodrigues (Dist. Higher Mathematics), L. A. Silva (Dist. Trigonometry), F. V. Wong (Dist. English), Martin Itoh, George Souza, Joseph Tang Tang Sze-yiu, John N. Young, Chow Yee-cheung.

Senior Local Passes:—Pedro Botelho, Cornelio Pereira.
Junior Local Passes:—G. A. Anzures (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), Paul Braga (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), R. M. Gutierrez (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), Lam Tran-chau (Dist. French), Leung Oi-chun (Dist. Chinese), Shum Ip-kwong (Dist. Chinese), Wong Shing-tsan (Dist. Chinese), E. Alves, Ramon Castro, Chan Kiu-kang, Fong Chung-lim, F. A. Gill, H. P. Goncalves, J. B. Goncalves, C. N. Gossano, J. J. Gutierrez, Lim Kim-beng, L. G. Marques, A. F. Noronha, J. A. dos Remedios, J. C. dos Remedios, J. D. dos Remedios, L. M. dos Remedios, Sung Tse-weng, Tam Heung-shing, Tam Yat-wing, Wong Che-ang, P. A. Xavier, Yan Shu-fan.

School Prize Winners.

Senior Class: English Grammar and Composition: 1. Edgar Mathias (Senior Bellios Scholarship), 2. Trieu-Xuong. English Literature: 1. Edgar Mathias; 2. F. V. Wong. Arithmetic: 1. Trieu-Xuong. Mathematics: 1. Trieu-Xuong; 2. F. V. Wong. Physics: 1. Trieu-Xuong. Chinese (Li Shek-pan Gold Medal): Joseph Tang Sze-yiu. French: Edgar Mathias. Higher Mathematics: A. Rodrigues. History: Trieu-Xuong. Geography: F. V. Wong. Trigonometry: L. A. Silva. Biblical Knowledge: Cornelio Pereira.

Junior "A":—English: 1. F. Gill (Junior Bellios Scholarship); 2. J. Goncalves. Arithmetic: A. Noronha. Geography: C. dos Remedios. English History: F. Gill. Mathematics: 1. F. Gill; 2. J. D. dos Remedios. Drawing: 1. Alves. Biblical Knowledge: 1. G. Anzures; 2. Paul Braga; 3. Reinaldo Gutierrez. Book-keeping: F. Gill.

Junior "B":—English: 1. Leung Oi-chun (Bro. Peter's Memorial Scholarship); 2. Shum Ip-kwong. Arithmetic: Fong Chung-lim. Geography: Leung Oi-chun. Mathematics: 1. Lam Tran-chau; 2. Tam Heung-shing. Drawing: Tam Heung-shing. Book-keeping: Tam Yat-wing. Biblical Knowledge: Tam Yat-wing. Physics: Lam Tran-chau. Chemistry: Leung Oi-chun. Chinese: 1. Leung Oi-chun; 2. Shum Ip-kwong; 3. Wong Shing-tsan. French: Lam Tran-chau.

Class 3A:—1. Carlos Victor (Lazarus Scholarship), 2. H. Wing Lee, 3. Gusny Remedios, 4. Marcus Gutierrez, 5. Jose M. Lezama, 6. Leopoldo A. Ozerio, 7. George Gordon, 8. Eduardo Ribeiro. (Class 3B:—1. Woo Pak-chuen (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2. H. Siew-um, 3. Leo Choa, 4. Chow Poh-yung, 5. Lam Sik-fan, 6. Lau Poh-yung, 7. Fung To, 8. Cheung Wing-yau. Class 3C:—1. Rowney Lam (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2. Tang She-fuk, 3. M. Mentim, 4. Wong Sui-leung, 5. Fan Wong, 6. K. S. Mehal, 7. Angel Blas, 8. Hussain Bux.

Class 4A:—1. Alexander Wong, 2. Adrian Rosario, 3. Sebastian Hung, 4. Robert Brown, 5. Henrique de Sa, 6. Alberto Silva, 7. Michael Murata, 8. Eduardo Gomes. Class 4B:—1. Germano Ribeiro, 2. Carlos Xavier, 3. George Young, 4. Joseph Gutierrez, 5. Gustavo Ribeiro, 6. A. Hosen, 7. Chan Chak-kun, 8. Gregorio Castro.

Class 4C:—1. Woo Pak-fao, 2. Lum Ying-yui, 3. Chow Hin-yau, 4. Matthew Law, 5. Yeung Kwan-yik, 6. Ling Cheung-kun, 7. Ling Kwok-in, 8. So Yu-nam.

Class 5A:—1. F. Rosario, 2. G. Remedios, 3. E. Figueiredo, 4. I. Johnson, 5. E. Alves, 6. Leo Yu, 7. A. Lazaroo, 8. T. Castilho. Class 5B:—1. Cheung Man-peng, 2. Wong Nai-shing, 3. Leung Che-min, 4. Wong Chung-wong, 5. Ung Diek-sing, 6. Lee Kin-wah, 7. Wong Ho-lap, 8. Tam Moon-lee.

Class 6A:—1. Cecil Wing Lee, 2. Leon Millan, 3. Henry J. Young, 4. Alfred Williams, 5. Armando Cordeiro, 6. Jackie O'Sullivan, 7. Gabriel Xavier, 8. Demetrio Xavier.

Class 6B:—1. Ho Shu-lai, 2. Leung Yi-kai, 3. Ho Hong-kuen, 4. Wong Shing-chee, 5. Li Yok-yun, 6. Philip Chan, 7. Chin Tai-yung, 8. Peter Tam.

Class 7A:—1. J. Brewer, 2. G. Souza, 3. A. Elms, 4. G. Ozerio, 5. W. Lee, 6. L. Agabeg, 7. J. Elias, 8. E. Abbas. Class 7B:—1. Ma Wing-fat, 2. Yung Hing-chau, 3. Wong Pook-tsang, 4. Ho Kai-fai, 5. James Chow, 6. Mok Kai-lim, 7. Chow Tack-fun, 8. Ip Yung-fook.

Class 8A:—1. James Hunt, 2. William Sprinkle, 3. Lobato de Paria, 4. K. Nishoda, 5. E. E. Malubog, 6. Abdul Slam, 7. Cyril Neves, 8. Ip Ping-hung.

Class 8B:—1. Wong Su-kong, 2. Ho Hung-chiu, 3. Pang Chi-piu, 4. Edward Ma, 5. Chan Chi-lun, 6. Cheong Ki-chiu, 7. Chan Kwok-tim, 8. Chan He-tan. Kowloon Branch:—Class 5:—1. Horacio Ozerio, 2. Mario Xavier, 3. Joseph de Souza, 4. Richard Laurel, 5. Alfonso Barretto. Class 6:—1. Frank Allum, 2. Antonio da Souza, 3. Roque de Silva, 4. Frud Abraham, 5. Guilherme Britto. Class 7:—1. Ricardo Xavier, 2. Henry Gutierrez, 3. Lionel Osmund, 4. Damas d'Aquino, 5. Armando Xavier, 6. Manuel Ozerio, 7. John Souza, 8. Leo Remedios. Class 8:—1. Carlos Soares, 2. Manlio da Souza, 3. Lionel Rodrigues, 4. Lorenzo Gabriel, 5. Joseph Gardener, 6. So Yat-wah, 7. Henry da Silva, 8. Laurence Chan.

Special Prizes.

For Religious Knowledge:—Class 1. Pedro Rosario (His Lordship the Bishop's Prize), Class 2. F. Gill, Class 3. C. Victor, Class 4. E. Gossano, Class 5. E. Figueiredo, Class 6. C. Wing Lee, Class 7. A. Elms, Class 8. C. Neves. Kowloon:—Class 5. Mario Xavier (Very Rev. Fr. Spada's Prize), Horacio Ozerio, Class 6. Frank Allum, Fred Abraham, Class 7. Lionel Remedios, Ricardo Xavier, Class 8. Manlio da Souza, Lionel Rodrigues.

Pupils Entertained.

An entertainment by the pupils which proceeded the presentation of prizes was much enjoyed. Introduced by a piano duet by the Rev. Father A. Rignanti and Mr. A. Andros, Masters J. Dillon and J. Roza gave a pleasing rendition of "What are the Wild Waves Saying," while a four-part chorus sang "Verses from the Song to David" set to music by the Rev. A. Rignanti.

The entertainment was concluded by an exceedingly humorous Juvenile Parliamentary Debate on "The Home Lessons Bill," in which the following pupils took part: Speaker: E. Brown, Prime Minister: E. Mathias, Government: J. Wilkinson, J. Johnson, D. Dillon, J. N. Young, E. A. Alves, K. Carroll, Opposition: E. Figueiredo, J. Dillon, I. Hing, F. Castro, and J. Staple. The Bill was defeated by eight votes to five.

ATHLETIC PROWESS.

MR. TANG BANG-TIEN.

There was a fairly large attendance at the Theatre Royal last night when an interesting programme was given of demonstrations in athletic prowess and gymnastic abilities. The most remarkable achievements were those of Mr. Tang Bang-tien who certainly has good grounds for his claim that he is the strongest Chinese ever known.

The breaking of a slab of granite resting on his chest by means of a sledge hammer and the holding of two teams of men from the audience tugging at a rope tied to each arm in a vain endeavour to separate them from the folded attitude across his chest were but two of several convincing evidences he gave of his powers. Iron nails and bars bent and broke in his hands as the most pliable and brittle of substances.

There were displays from other acrobats on the parallel and horizontal bars, of balancing with the feet and hands—and even hair—which were both spectacular and required considerable nerve and abilities of no mean order.

Owing to the exigencies of space and of means of access it was impossible to get to the Theatre Royal stage the car which it was promised Mr. Tang Bang-tien would suspend with passengers in it but the entertainment provided was an excellent one and the promoters are to be congratulated on its success.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 17—Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Frontier." March 17—World Theatre: "The Lost World." March 17—Star Theatre: "Bride of the Storm." "Waking Up The Town." March 17—Musical at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m. March 17—Concert at St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, 8.30 p.m. March 19—Concert and dance at City Hall, given by Morrison Hall (University Hostel), members, 8 p.m. March 19—The Hong Kong A.D.C. presents the brilliant comedy by Frederic Lonsdale, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. March 21 & 22—Jascha Heifetz at the Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m. April 1, 2, 4, 8, 9—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafore," 9.30 p.m. April 6—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafore," Matinee, 4.30 p.m.

Sports.

March 26—First extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, at Race Course, Happy Valley. March 26—Annual Athletic Sports meeting of H.K. University at Pokfulam. Meetings: March 18—Annual meeting of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., 5.30 p.m. March 23—Fifth annual meeting of H.K. Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd., Messrs. Shawan Toomes & Co. Ltd., 11.30 a.m. March 23—Sixteenth annual meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., 6, Des Voeux Rd., Citi, 2.30 p.m. March 26—Thirty-first meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Rd., noon. March 26—Forty-second meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m. March 28—Fifty-eighth general meeting of H.K. Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon. March 28—Hong Kong Automobile Assn. meeting, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, 5.30 p.m. March 29—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Queen's Bldg., noon. March 30—Extraordinary meeting of The China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 2.30 p.m. March 30—Thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, 11 a.m.

Lanterns Auctions.

March 19—At a "Holt's" Wharf, Kowloon, Godown No. 5, Miscellaneous goods and hardware will be sold by Messrs. Lamport Bros., at 10.30 a.m. March 23—Household furniture, at 101 Austin Rd., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m. Misc.aneous: March 17—Celebration of the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the H.K. Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell St., 6 p.m. March 18—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m. March 18—Lantern lecture by Rev. J. C. Knight: "Anstey on 'Glimpses of Indian Life,' at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, commencing at 8 p.m. Members of H.K. Forces cordially invited. March 20—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m. March 26—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m. April 9—Annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, College Hall, 8 p.m.

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Three Chinese notifications of infectious disease were made in the Colony yesterday, all from the city. Two were of small-pox and the other of enteric fever (typhoid).

The annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association is to be held in the College Hall at 8 p.m. on April 9. For particulars see announcement on page 8.

"In the overwhelming majority of accidents to pedestrians it is not the fault of the motorists but of the pedestrians themselves," declares the Chief Constable of Leicester, Mr. E. Holmes, in his annual report.

A very attractive programme has been arranged by St. Patrick's Club at 8.30 to-night at the Club in Garden Road, in honour of Patrick's Day (to-day). Many well known local artists are to appear in this splendid entertainment.

As a measure of precaution which would facilitate the recognition of the famous Condé diamond if ever it should be stolen again, the curator of the Chantilly Museum has caused casts to be made of it and of another famous diamond in his collection, a jewel presented to the Duc d'Angoulême by the Bey of Tunis.

The caskets containing the ashes of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner, who died in tragic circumstances at Putney, S.W., last November, were interred very quietly in mail week in Lymington churchyard, near Chertsey, Surrey, alongside the grave of Sir John T. Brunner, Mr. Roscoe Brunner's father. Three family mourners were present, together with a few of the employees at Silverlands, where Sir John Brunner died, who had known Mr. Roscoe Brunner. Three wreaths without any inscription were placed on the grave. The cremation took place at Woking three months ago.

A hint given to him by a former pupil, to invest in rubber concerns, is said to have laid the foundation of the fortune of the late Rev. Ernest Owen, of Boys Hall, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, who left £110,220, with net personality £104,223. For 18 years Mr. Owen was headmaster of Llandaff Cathedral School, and was very popular. One of the pupils, on leaving, became associated with the rubber industry, and wrote from the Malay Peninsula advising Mr. Owen to invest his savings in the industry. Mr. Owen did so with great success, and afterwards purchased and conducted a private school in Derbyshire. He died last October aged 70.

The Earl of Devon, whose death took place at Powderham Castle, near Exeter, was in his 57th year. He was out walking with one of his dogs, was taken ill during the night, and died almost immediately from heart failure. He succeeded to the earldom on the death of his grandfather in 1904. He was unmarried and is succeeded by his brother, the Rev. Henry Hugh Courtenay, rector of Powderham. The late earl was a man of simple tastes. He took little or no interest in public affairs, but he was a great sportsman and showed much hospitality at Powderham Castle whenever spaniel trials or coursing took place.

Miss Ishbel MacDonald, who learned the art of being a political hostess during her father's occupancy of No. 10 Downing Street, was among the long list of hostesses having reception early last month. She and Mr. Ramay MacDonald, gave a big "At Home" on the eve of the opening of Parliament at their charming old-world home, Upper Farnham, Hampshire. On this occasion Mr. MacDonald's library, which is the blue drawing-room, was brought into service as a reception room. Miss MacDonald will be 24 this month, and has quite outgrown the shyness of her early reign at No. 10. Her sister Joan is now 17, and in a position to help as assistant hostess.

Imitating the tactics employed by Sir James Barrie many years ago when he impersonated his own valet in denying his whereabouts to American reporters, Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, successfully eluded all newspaper interviewers when he went on a visit to Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, at Washington. A reporter there thought he saw the governor of the Bank of England leaving Mr. Mellon's office. He verified his impressions and hurried after the secretive banker, who has an unquenchable dislike of publicity. Mr. Norman increased his pace, but the reporter doubled round another way and the two met face to face. After some embarrassing conversation, in which Mr. Norman evaded questions as to his identity, the newspaper representative simply suggested, "Perhaps you can tell me, nevertheless, whether Mr. Norman's visit may have something to do with the possible restoration of the gold credit given to Britain, which has expired." The banker replied, "No, I'm sure his visit was entirely a personal one."

Reminder: annual meeting of St. George's Society in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Household furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at No. 101, Austin Road, Kowloon at 2.45 p.m. next Wednesday.

A social gathering will be held in the St. John's Cathedral Hall, this Sunday, after, Evening (6 p.m.). A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service Men and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., assisted by Mr. C. D. Lake, (Tenor), on Friday, March 18, at 5.45 p.m. There will also be a Recital on the following Friday, March 25, at the same hour. Advt. Tomorrow's programme is given on page 6.



Mrs. Henry Ford, wife of the millionaire motor car manufacturer.

The Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey is giving a lantern lecture on "Glimpses of Indian Life" at the Wesleyan Soldiers and Sailors Home, Wanchai, at 8 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Loewenstein, the financier, has decided to sell his two private aeroplanes, one of which, a three-motored limousine, is considered to be the most luxurious of its type in the world. His reason is understood to be that he has completed the high-speed negotiations in which they were employed.

The Governor-General of Australia, Lord Stonehaven, with his son Ian, has walked 50-miles from St. Clair to Gormanston, in Tasmania. The track lies through rough, broken, lonely country, and in places is overgrown with tangled bush. Sir John Franklin, an early Tasmanian Governor, traversed Lord Stonehaven's route in state, carried on chairs by convicts and accompanied by Lady Franklin.

A remarkable incident is reported to have occurred at a Japanese cotton mill in Baihai Road, Shanghai on Wednesday night last, when a Chinese is alleged to have gone to the main door of the mill, pushed it open, and fired a revolver shot inside. He then made a hasty exit, and was not caught. Fortunately the bullet failed to find a living billet.

What is described as "the greatest musical find of the century" has been made by the Superintendent of Piedmontese Bibliography at Turin, who, invited to inspect a room full of books and manuscripts, discovered an enormous quantity of 18th Century masterpieces and minor works, including 43 operas. The publications are of the greatest variety and include many works which have passed completely out of sight, including editions of Gluck, Philidor and Rameau.

The study of industrial conditions in England is now being included in the training of boys at Harrow School. The boys' interest is encouraged by visits to large factories during school hours. The factories chosen include a coach works, a motor-car works, and a bread factory. Visits will also be paid to an employment exchange and to the Charity Organisation Society. Dr. Cyril Norwood, the headmaster, said to a reporter: "I think that it is most important that the boys should know under what conditions work is being done and the conditions of a worker's life. It is not necessarily because the public school boy will himself go into industry, but it is part of his general training."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Prince of Wales at Aldershot, recently inspected the Welsh Guards, of whom he is colonel, afterwards motoring back to London.

It is authoritatively stated that Lord Birkenhead, who, it was reported, intended visiting India during the next cold season, will not make the journey this year.

Deaths announced at Home in mail week include: Lieut.-Colonel John Samuel Dyke, formerly commandant of the Duke of York's Military School, Dover; a member of Folkestone Town Council, aged 67; suddenly at Folkestone; Divisional Detective-Inspector Hunt, of Exeter, who was in charge of the inquiry into the Baywater murder; from double pneumonia, following influenza; and Mr. George Reid, Belgian Consul in Newcastle for nearly 63 years; believed to be the oldest consul in the United Kingdom; identified with the coal trade; aged 89; at Newcastle.



Mr. Stephen G. Porter of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the American House Foreign Affairs Committee, who recently introduced a resolution asking for the cancellation of the treaty with China, and the drawing up of new ones by the President, and recognition of "China" as a sovereign nation.

A Reuter cable from Florence announces the death of Prince Scipione Borghese, the first man to cross Asia in a motorcar from Peking to Paris in 1908.

Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, has been taken from 17, Bruton-street to Buckingham Palace. It is understood that Prince George has transferred his quarters to the apartments formerly occupied by the Duke of York, and the rooms thus available will be used for the purposes of a nursery.

A report from Hankow states that the engagement is announced of Mr. T. V. Soong (Sung Tse-man) Minister of Finance of the National Government, to Miss Laura Chang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chang of Kluang. Miss Chang was educated at the Eliza Yates Memorial School of Shanghai. The marriage will take place this spring.

The death took place at Sandbanks, Dorset, of Sir James Kennal, managing director of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., with which engineering firm he had been associated for more than 40 years. He was also a pioneer in the development of electrical power. He was a director of a number of companies, and a member of various engineering societies. He was a lieutenant of the Shipwrights' Company and a Freeman of the City of London. The various factories controlled by Sir James employed about 10,000 workers.

Sir James Roll, Lord Mayor of London during 1920-1921, died in mail week at his home, the Chestnuts, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E., in his 81st year. As a poor farm-boy labouring in Norfolk fields, James Roll had dreams of rising in the world, and he determined to make them come true. He was only 14, but had saved enough to pay the boat fare from Great Yarmouth, and he went to London to seek his fortune. In London, an uncle met him at London Bridge, and presently young James became an office-boy in the service of the Pearl Life Assurance Company. He rose to a clerkship and within a few years was a superintendent and was opening branches for the company in the north of England. At last he became chairman of the company, and after 32 years' service he retired in 1916. By 1909 he had been elected a Sheriff of the City of London, and was created a baronet in 1921.

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The latest movements of the troops in the Colony are also detailed at length.

This week's issue furthermore furnishes reliable information of the latest happenings on the Yangtze, the problems there, of course, being inseparable from the struggle in China as a whole, as well as exercising an important bearing on the relations between Great Britain and China.

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SPORTS SECTION

NEW SYSTEM.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CRICKET.

M.C.C. GIVES APPROVAL.

London, March 16. The Marylebone Cricket Club committee has confirmed the new system of scoring (announced Feb. 21) as effective for the forthcoming County Cricket season.—*Reuter.*

The Advisory County Cricket Committee at Lord's decided to recommend to the Marylebone Club the following system of points for county championship matches 1927:—

Eight points for a win in a completed match.
Should a match not be completed, five points to the side leading on the first innings and three to their opponents.

In the event of a tie or there being no result on the first innings, four points to be given to each side, provided in the second case not less than six hours' actual play has taken place.

When of less than six hours, a match is not to count in the championship, provided no result in it has been obtained.

Scoring by percentage as previously.

Other Ideas.

That there were other ideas is evident in the following message which has just reached the "China Mail":—

With the object of removing the anomaly in the present system of reckoning points in the county cricket championship, a new scheme was to have been played before the Derbyshire County Cricket Club in midweek. The scheme provides that three points be awarded for a win in a completed match and one point out of a possible one to first-innings leaders in an uncompleted match, the scoring to be reckoned on point percentage as points obtainable.

In the event of a tie in a completed match three points to be shared equally, and in the event of a tie on the first innings each side to take half a point. Matches in which there has been no result on the first innings are not to be included. It is claimed that by this system clubs winning on the first innings cannot be prejudiced.

New Zealand Team For England. Wellington.—The following fourteen players have been selected for the New Zealand cricket team to tour in England during the forthcoming season:—

Alcock, Dacre, and Mills (Auckland); Dempster (Wanganui); Lowry (Hawke's Bay); Blunt (Otago); Page, Cunningham, Oliver, and Merritt (Canterbury); James, McGirr, Ballock, and Henderson (Wellington).

The inclusion of the 18-year-old colt, Merritt, who was selected at the eleventh hour, came as a surprise. He is a left-hand bowler who varies his deliveries, with a well-disguised "wrong 'un" and an occasional straight ball.

TENNIS TOUR.

BRITISH LADIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LOSE BEST OF 3 TESTS.

Johannesburg, March 16. The South African ladies won the rubber of three "tests" against the touring team of British ladies captained by Miss Harvey.

The British ladies were defeated at Cape Town on Jan. 29 by 5 matches to 4; were defeated today by 6 matches to 3; and they won the other match.—*Reuter.*

Victory at Kimberley. Kimberley, Feb. 23. In the British ladies' tennis team's match against Griqualand West, Miss Billie Tapscott beat Miss Fry, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

It was a brilliant and hard-fought game.

Mrs. Watson beat Miss Rogers, Griqualand West and Natal Champion, 6-4, 6-1.

Miss Fry and Miss Saunders beat Mrs. Ledger and Miss E. Tapscott, 6-3, 6-1.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Dix beat Mrs. Dickens and Miss Tyson, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Miss Harvey and Miss Saunders beat Miss Rogers and Miss Billie Tapscott, 6-4, 6-1.

The British ladies' team won by 4 matches to 1.

DAVIS CUP.

New York, March 16. The list of participants in the Davis Cup has closed, with twenty-five countries competing in two years ago. Twenty will play in the European zone and four in the American zone.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The match arranged between the Hong Kong Hockey Club and 5/2nd Punjab for played yesterday did not take place owing to the wet state of the ground.

HOME SOCCER.

SEMI-FINAL, SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

CLUBS AND VENUES.

London, March 16. The draw was made to-day for the semi-final of the Scottish F.A. Cup (to be played on March 26) and resulted as follows:—
East Fife v. Partick Thistle (the ground of Hearts of Midlothian).
Falkirk v. Celtic at Ibrox Park, Glasgow (the ground of Rangers).
—*Reuter.*

Celtic (holders) and Partick are both Glasgow teams.]

IN THE LEAGUE.

Mid-Week Games in Four Divisions.

London, March 16. Mid-week games were played in four divisions of the various leagues. Results (home teams given first) were as follows:—

English League.
Division I: Cardiff 2, Derby 0.
Division II: Chelsea 2, Port Vale 0; Middlesbrough 5, South Shields 0; Notts County 2, Reading 0.

Division III (South): Crystal Palace 9, Bristol Rovers 4; Bourne-mouth 3, Brentford 1.

Scottish League.
Division I: Rangers 2, Morton 1; Celtic 2, Airdrieonians 1; Dundee 2, Falkirk 3.

HOME RUGGER.

SOUTH WALES BORDERERS WIN FINAL.

GUY'S HOSPITAL CUP.

London, March 16. In the final of the Army rugby Cup to-day at Aldershot, the 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers defeated the Royal Engineers (Aldershot) by the narrow margin of 9 points to 8.—*Reuter.*

London, March 16. The final of the Hospitals rugby Cup was played to-day at Richmond, where Guy's beat King's by 10 points to nil.—*Reuter.*

TEST TEAM WINS.

MATCH WITH THE REST OF AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, Feb. 2. Continuing their record, the Test XI, the Rest of Australia advanced their overnight total of 146 for 2 wickets to 344, leaving their opponents only 117 to get for victory.

O'Connor contributed 101 and Morgan 73, Mailey claiming six victims for 99 runs.

Australia lost three batsmen before playing the Rest's score. Ryder was undefeated at the close of play with 55.

The final scores were:—
Rest of Australia (1st) 306 runs; (2nd) 344 runs.
1926 Test XI (1st) 533 runs; (2nd) 117 for 8 wks.

LAWN TENNIS.

PROMISING ENGLISH BOYS AT NICE.

Nice. With the sun shining brightly the play in the annual international lawn tennis tournament at Nice improved, and the matches became more interesting. But what attracts me (writes Mr. S. N. Doust) as much as the good matches is trying to find young players who, if they take up the game seriously, should succeed.

In the present Nice tournament there are some really promising male youngsters, but apart from Miss Nuthall and Miss Bennett, I have not discovered any talent among the young women.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

With a score of 87 (minus handicap 13) 74 net, J. Laing, qualified in the Adamson Cup March competition (held on the 5th to 15th) of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Happy Valley.

Other scores were F. H. Glover 96 (18) 78, F. E. Booker 92 (10) 82, E. Hanlon 108 (24) 84.

CEYLON BOXER AT OXFORD.

London, Feb. 25. Oxford representatives in the Inter-Varsity boxing tournament, to be held at Oxford, on March 4, include C. B. Satri (bantam-weight) and C. J. de Sarap, formerly of St. Thomas College, Ceylon, who is a feather-weight.

SERVICES SOCCER.

9 GOALS IN SECOND HALVES.

FIRST A BLANK.

A sloppy ground and a greasy ball may be blamed for the unusual procedure yesterday in the finals of the local United Services knock-out soccer competition.

Both first halves were blank. After the change of ends, nine goals were put on.

Of this total, the Royal Artillery claimed four. They lost in the junior tie by 1-3 to H.M.S. "Tamar" and they got the better of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers by the odd goal in five.

Bad Shooting. After the matches, H.E. the G.O.C. (Major-General C. C. Luard) presented the shield to the R.A. (senior winners) and the cup to the junior champions "Tamar".

Each member of the winning teams received a silver medal.

Proceedings terminated with the usual cheers for the General, Mrs. and Miss Luard. A good many of the officers of the respective units were present to see their representatives play.

Bad shooting was responsible for the goal remaining intact in the first half of the junior final. In the second half, Vernon scored twice for H.M.S. "Tamar" and Toms added the third. When the sailors were exercising the better control of the game, the R.A. Reserves got their solitary goal through Milner.

Bill Not "True." With a ball that never played "true," the defenders had an anxious time in the senior final, which was also at Sookmoo.

A little "jost" and erratic marksmanship did their bit but in the second half, the 2nd Scottish Borderers drew first blood through Stock.

Thanks to Leach (their star centre-forward) Pinfold, equalised for the Gunners. A pass from Ward enabled the same scorer to put the R.A. ahead. Then Ward himself brought the score to 3-1. Back came the Infantrymen and the Rev. P. W. Alexander reduced the deficit but the Artillerymen held their fort till the end.

"Hermes" Double. H.M.S. "Hermes" secured a double in friendly soccer yesterday. The Royal Air Force detachment on that ship beat their colleagues on H.M.S. "Argus" by 7 goals to 2 and the losers led by 2-1 till nearly half-time. Crossing over a goal down (1-2), the "Hermes" team made rapid after-raid on the "Argus" goal, but the custodian (Tansley) dealt successfully with each sortie.

Towards the end, the "Argus" defence tired. After several weeks at sea, the few days they had been here was not enough for them to get fit in. Well did the "Hermes" run them off their legs then. Six goals were scored in ten minutes and the "Hermes" won by 7-2 after having been behind for about an hour.

Seamen of the "Hermes" yesterday beat St. Joseph's College Reserves by the odd goal in three.

The losers tied with the Moleen Club in division II, section "A" of the Hong Kong League (the play-off being arranged for Saturday). Marous scored first for the Club but Gaiside and Warren replied for the sailors.

BASKET BALL.

WHEN LEAGUE SEASON STARTS.

The senior and the junior students league of the Hong Kong Basketball Association will have their opening games to-morrow and on Saturday at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. where all games will be played.

There will be two senior games a day, one beginning at 4.30 and the other at 6.15 p.m. The junior games will be played on Wednesday and Saturday, one at 2.30 and the other at 3.15 p.m.

Senior entries are Ying Wa College, "A" and "B," Y.M.C.A. Student Hostel, Queen's College, University "A" and "B," St. Joseph's College, St. Paul's College, and Tutorial Institute.

Junior teams are: Ying Wa College, Queen's College, Wanchai School, St. Joseph's College, St. Paul's College, Ellis Kadoorie School, Y.M.C.A. Day School, and Y.M.C.A. Hostel.

The officers of the Hong Kong Basketball Association are: Mr. J. L. McPherson, president; Mr. E. Stewart, vice-president; Mr. T. Moffatt, hon. treasurer; Mr. K. Sik-wai, hon. general secretary; Mr. Richard Shim, hon. secretary senior league; and Mr. S. O. Leung, hon. secretary junior league.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The wet state of the ground yesterday prevented play in the Hong Kong C.C. annual tennis tournament. To-day's fixtures are:—

Open Singles—H. D. Rumjahn v. H. Akiyama; Lau Man-kwong v. T. Edo.

Open Doubles—H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Gerard v. M. K. Lo and H. Lo; E. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain v. N. Trambitzky and J. W. Leonard.

Handicap Singles "A"—R. M. Henderson (cwe 2/8) v. T. D. E. Pendered (cwe 4/8).

Handicap Doubles—W. H. Coulson and T. W. Southam (cwe 4/8) v. E. E. Mimmack and J. N. Owen (cwe 1/8).

K.R.A. MEETING.

COMMITTEE OF RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday at which sub-committees to deal with correspondence, children's playgrounds and bathing facilities were elected.

Correspondence with the Government regarding a suitable site in Kowloon for the burial of Chinese Roman Catholics was discussed and it was decided to request the Government to set aside a large area for this purpose.

Replies from Government in the matter of the abandoned Kowloon Dispensary and the law governing the admission of patients to the Lunatic Asylum were also considered.

Petition From Residents. A petition from residents in Station Lane, Hung Hom, relative to the insanitary condition of a temporary latrine in the neighbourhood, was referred back to the sanitary committee with a request that their complaint be first addressed to the Sanitary Board.

Other subjects under discussion were motor bus stopping places and traffic control; the question of holding quarterly meetings of the Association, and suggestions for the entertainment of troops in the locality.

New Members. The Hon. Treasurer reported that the following residents had joined the Association:—Messrs. B. E. Akst, A. L. Alves, J. C. Brown, J. H. Donnanthorne, Jas. T. Dobbie, H. Goldenberg, J. Gibson, R. J. Goodman, D. Gow, Rev. H. Gless, J. H. Hunt, Huang Hon-cho, K. R. Hilla, C. W. Liddon-Cole, K. R. Macaskill, A. J. O'Donoghue, J. de Graec Oozio, J. J. dos Remedios, Edward D. Shank, H. H. Scott, C. E. M. Terry, F. Taylor, W. G. Williams, W. J. Woolfay, B. J. Wong, W. R. Wong, L. M. Xavier, Yuen Wah-sui and Frank Goodwin.

THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT. A Chinese constable charged with stealing a \$100 note from a Swatow salt-fish dealer was given the benefit of the doubt by Major Willson yesterday.

The fishmonger alleged that as he was going to the Western Market to buy fish at 8.30 on the morning of March 10, the constable who was on search duty searched him in a dark lane, and took a purse containing one \$100 note and four \$1 notes. Accused retained the \$100 and returned the other money to him.

Mr. Turner, for the defence, argued that his client had been wrongly identified as he was in the company of an Indian sergeant from 3.40 to 3.45 on that morning.

The Indian corroborated this, and after Mr. Wodehouse had pointed out, in fairness to the accused, that he was not the only man on search duty in the vicinity, the Magistrate, as stated, gave accused the benefit of the doubt and discharged him.

TELL TALE TROUSERS. "You ought to be a detective," Mr. Lindell told a Weihaiwei policeman this morning. The constable was giving evidence of arrest of a Chinese charged with the theft of a pair of trousers, and said he suspected the man because the trousers were too short for the accused who was a tall man.

The arrest took place in Sanwai village, Aberdeen, yesterday, and another villager claimed the trousers as his.

The accused who said he had taken the trousers by mistake and was on his way to pawn them when arrested was fined \$10 or in default 14 days' hard labour.

BANK MESS THEFT. Clothing worth \$34 has been reported stolen from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Mess.

An overcoat worth \$165 was stolen from Mr. Tolan's house, No. 11, Cameron Road yesterday.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE LOST WORLD" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY. The picturisation of Conan Doyle's great novel needs little praiseworthy elaboration. As a matter of fact, the transference of the story from the pages of fiction to the celluloid medium, called for the best work of both technicians and photographers. That the actual matter has been faithfully rendered, reflects the greatest credit upon all concerned.

Wallace Berry is the explorer who confounds the set beliefs of Societies in the matter of evolution and prehistoric mammals, the which he says, still exist on a plateau in Central America.

To back his theories, he sets out, accompanied by certain others who will verify his facts; if they are able to reach civilisation again. They do, bringing with them a monstrous beast, which walks over the Bank of England, the Royal Exchange and London city generally.

There are fights between prehistoric beasts which defy the sneaking efforts of the keenest "picker," and the whole production is first class in all ways.

Among featured players, are Beale Love, Lewis, Stone, Lloyd Hughes and Bull Montana. This picture should not be missed by those who failed to see it at the Queen's Theatre at the first screening.

TREVOR CASE.

HEARING TO RE-CONSIDER SENTENCE.

This afternoon, Major Willson re-opened the case in which Ernest Trevor was convicted of theft at the Gleaney Hotel.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for prisoner and said that he would like right away to tell the Court that on the evidence as given the Magistrate had no option but to convict but he asked that the sentence should be re-considered.

Mr. Russ added that he had interviewed Trevor at the jail and was impressed by him and offered to put him in the witness box.

Major Willson agreed to this course. The case is proceeding.

BACK WITHIN SIX DAYS.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Major Willson with having returned from banishment.

Sgt. Vincent said the man was sent away after serving two terms of imprisonment. He actually left here on March 10 and was back in the Colony within six days.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE FLAMING FRONTIER" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

"The Flaming Frontier" is a picture play that in addition to commemorating a great event in American history abounds in excellent acting in a story featured with a pretty romance, genuine comedy and situations that are as tremendous and thrilling as they are unusual.

The story is of the period of the early seventies and has for its theme the winning of the West and the hardships and trials that beset the settlers of those days. It faithfully depicts the resentment of the Indians, the political intrigues at Washington and climaxes in a thrilling and spectacular reproduction of the Custer massacre. One of its very powerful touches are the scenes showing life at West Point in the period.

The star cast given this picture is one of the most evenly balanced that has been seen for some time. Edward Sedwick has made it a truly great American picture. Hoot Gibson, Universal's famous Western "ace," is cast in a most congenial role. Gibson is an army scout, and as such does some of his remarkable feats in the saddle. The picture also allows Gibson to show his versatility as, for a time, it takes him away from his horse and sets him down as a cadet at West Point.

Dustin Farnum is cast in the heroic role of Gen. Custer and acquires himself with the ease and ability that has always marked his work on the stage and screen. Dainty Anne Cornwall, as the heroine, again shows that she is a great actress. Ward Crane is the "heavy" and, as usual, is smoothness personified. Kathleen Key makes an alluring vamp, though the vamp redeems herself at the end of the picture. Eddie Gribbon and Harry Todd provide much a laugh by their clever comedy work.

Others in this great cast are Har-Charles K. French, Noble Johnson, Harold Goodwin, George Hewett, William Steele, Walter Rodgers, Ed. Wilson, and Joe Bonomo.

AT THE STAR.

"BRIDE OF THE STORM" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

In conformity with the recent tendency among motion picture directors to base scenarios on the story implied by songs of great popularity, J. Stuart Blackton's production for Warner Bros., "Bride of the Storm," starring Dolores Costello and featuring John Harron, might well have retained the title, "Maryland, My Maryland."

Its appropriateness lies in the entertaining situation of a boy and girl, speaking different languages and in love, with no one as interpreter. Truly, in such a case every little movement would have a meaning of its own, the parties to the courtship having only signs and motions as a means of communication.

Ernest Lubitsch's production for Warner Bros. of "Kiss Me Again" is one of the outstanding examples of a splendid picture built around the sentiment of a song which has touched the heart of humanity deeply.

Bosides Miss Costello and Mr. Harron, the cast of "Bride of the Storm" contains such distinguished names as Otto Mattieson, Tyrone Power, Sheldon Lewis, Julia Swayze Gordon and Evon Pelletier.

"Waking Up The Town." According to critics, this is the best picture Jack Pickford has ever appeared in.

The novelty of this feature, along with its natural comedy and tremendous human appeal, gives it a unique place among photoplay offerings. As a boarding-school flapper who settles down into the staid ways of a sedate and appealing small town girl, Norma Shearer gives an excellent performance. Other notable players are Alec B. Francis who as an eccentric astronomer starts the hero on the road to fame and fortune; Claire McDowell, who plays the part of the hero's mother; and Ann May, a delightful little lady bent on winning the hero.

Riddle Rider Episode 1 will also be shown.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 17, 1927, 10.30 AM.

| Names. | Hong Kong Stock Exchange. | Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association. | Share & Real Estate Brokers Society. |
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| T.T. on London | 17 1/8 | 11 3/4 | 17 1/8 |
| T.T. on Shanghai | 10 1/4 | 8 1/4 | 10 1/4 |
| Banks. | | | |
| Hongkong Bank | 105 1/2 b & s | 108 0 b | 108 0 b |
| do. London | 21 1/4 n | — | 21 1/4 n |
| Chartered Bank | 21 n | 21 n | — |
| Mercantile Bank, A. & B. C. do. | 21 3/4 n | 21 3/4 n | — |
| P. & O. Bank | 21 1/4 n | 21 0 n | — |
| Bank of East Asia | 74 n | 67 b | 71 |
| Marine Insurance. | | | |
| Canton Insurance | \$66 1/2 b | 66 0 b | \$66 0 b |
| China Underwriters | 80 cts b | 80 cts b | 80 cts n |
| North China Insurance | 14 1/2 n | 14 0 n | — |
| Union Insurance | 28 1/2 n | 28 1/2 n | 28 1/2 n |
| Yangtze Insurance | \$35 M. n | 40 n | — |
| Fire Insurance. | | | |
| China Fire Insurance | 205 b | 209 b | — |
| H.K. Fire Insurance | 63 0 b | 61 1/2 b | 63 0 b |
| Shipping. | | | |
| Douglases | 31 1/2 n | 31 1/2 b | 31 n |
| Hongkong Steamboats | 21 n | 19 1/2 b | 19 n |
| H.K. Tugs & Lighters | 1.10 n | 2 1/4 n | 1 1/4 n |
| Indo-China (Pref.) | 30 n | 30 n | 30 n |
| do. (Def.) | 40 b | 40 n | 40 n |
| Shell Transports | 99 1/2 b | 5 1/2 b | 100 n |
| Star Ferries | 54 b | 54 1/2 b | 54 b |
| Water-boats | 14 n | 13 3/4 b | 14 s |
| Refineries. | | | |
| China Sugars | 22 n | 17 1/2 n | 18 n |
| Malabon Sugars | 31 n | 30 n | 31 n |
| Mining. | | | |
| Benguet | 1.35 n | — | — |
| Kailan Mining Ad. | 38 1/2 n | 42 1/2 n | 40 1/2 n |
| Langkats (Combined) | 22 n | 12 b | 22 b |
| do. (Single) | 11 n | 12 b | — |
| Shanghai Exploration | 7 n | 4 b | 7 n |
| Shanghai Loan | 7 n | 6 b | — |
| Rauba | 4 n | 3 1/4 n | 3 1/2 n |
| Tromoh Mines | 21 1/2 b | — | — |
| Ural Caspians | 8 1/2 n | 2 1/2 b | — |
| Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. | | | |
| H.K. & K. Wharves | 99 b 10 1/2 sa | 99 b & sa | 99 n |
| H.K. & W. Docks | 40 n | 37 b 39 s | 40 n |
| Hongkows | 150 n | 150 n | 150 n |
| New Engineerings | 15 1/2 b | 5 1/2 b | 5 1/2 b |
| Shanghai Docks | 110 1/2 b | 102 b | 110 1/2 b |
| Lands, Hotels & Bldgs. | | | |
| H.K. & S. Hotels | 7 1/4 n | 7 1/4 n | 7 1/4 n |
| Hongkong Lands | 53 1/2 sa | 53 1/2 sa | 54 n |
| Hongkong Realty | 6 n | 6 n | 6 n |
| H.K. Territorial | 2 1/2 n | 2 1/2 n | 2 1/2 n |
| Humphreys Estates | 12 1/2 n | 12 1/2 n | 12 1/2 n |
| Prince's Building | 89 n | 87 n | — |
| Rural, Lands | 1 1/2 n | — | — |
| Cotton Mills. | | | |
| Ewo Cottons | 7 1/2 b & sa x d | 7 1/2 x d b | 8 1/2 b |
| Oriental | 7 1/2 n | 7 1/2 n | 7 1/2 n |
| Shanghai Cottons (old) | 7 1/2 b | 54 b | 54 n |
| do. (new) | 7 1/2 b | 27 b | 28 n |
| Miscellaneous. | | | |
| Canton Ice | 5 n | 4 s | 5 n |
| Cements (comb.) | 7 b | 7 b | 7 b |
| do. (old) | 6 n | 6 b | 6 b |
| do. (new) | 1 1/2 n | 1 b | 1 b |
| China Buses | 9 1/2 n | — | — |
| China Lights (comb.) | 14 n | 14 b | 14 b |
| do. (old) | 11 n | 10 1/2 b | 10 b |
| do. (new) | 6 b 7 | 7 b | 7 b |
| China Prov. | 4 b | 4 b | 4 s |
| Dairy Farms | 16 1/4 b | 16 1/4 b | 17 n |
| Der A. Wing | 6 n | 5 n | — |
| Hongkong Amusements | 17 1/2 n | 18 1/2 n | 18 1/2 n |
| H.K. Constructions | 2 30 n | 2 30 n | 2 40 n |
| Hongkong Electrics | 5 1/2 n | 5 1/2 sa | 5 1/2 h |
| H.K. Ropes (old) | 10 s | 5 1/2 s | 5 1/2 s |
| do. (new) | 5 s | 1 s | 2 s |
| Hongkong Tramways | 20 60 b | 20 60 b | 20 1/2 b |
| Lane, Crawford | 7 n | 7 1/4 b | 7 n |
| Macao Electrics | 35 n | — | — |
| Mackintosh | 19 1/2 n | — | — |
| Nanyang Tobaccos | — | 9 80 b | — |
| Peak Trams (old) | 15 1/2 b | 15 b | 15 n |
| do. (new) | 8 1/2 b | 8 n | 8 n |
| Sinceres | 8 1/2 b | 9 10 b | 9 n |
| Singapore Trams | 11 1/2 n | 9 1/2 b | 10 n |
| Taxis | 1 n | 70 c b | 65 Cts n |
| United Asbestos | — | 630 n | — |
| do. (Founders) (Ordinary) | 20 n | 18 n | — |
| Watsons | 12 1/2 n | 12 1/4 n | 12 1/2 n |
| Wm. Powells | 6 1/2 n | 5 s | 5 n |
| H.K. Telephones | 3 1/4 b 3 85 s | 3 90 b | 3 85 n |

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"CHINA JOURNAL"

SPECIAL RUBBER INDUSTRY
ISSUE.

In devoting considerable space to the subjects of rubber and the rubber producing industry in the East, "The China Journal" is making a new departure in its endeavour to cover various phases of human interest in regard to China. Shanghai may be called the London of the East, since this city is undoubtedly the greatest commercial centre on the continent, and it is this fact that accounts for its being the financial headquarters of 40 rubber producing companies whose plantations are situated in the Malay Peninsula. Undoubtedly a large proportion of the readers of this attractive journal are interested in the subject of rubber, so that the present issue (March) should have a wide appeal.

No fewer than four articles bear directly or indirectly upon the subject of rubber. Of these one by Mr. H. C. Pinching, late Senior Scientific Officer of the Rubber Growers' Association, now Technical Adviser to rubber estates in Penang and Ipoh, who recently paid a visit to Shanghai, where he delivered an extremely interesting lecture before a crowded audience on rubber growing in the Malay Peninsula, illustrated with lantern slides.

Mr. A. de C. Sowerby, editor of the journal, contributes the other three, one of which is entitled "The Romance of Rubber," another "The Malay Peninsula and Archipelago, the World's Chief Rubber Producing Area," and the third "The Para Rubber Tree."

Besides these informative articles there are several interesting paragraphs in the "Scientific Notes" section upon various phases of the rubber growing industry.

Other Features.
The reader must not assume, however, that because so much space is devoted to rubber that other sections of the journal have been neglected. On the contrary, there are the usual papers of sinological interest, poetry, some interesting correspondence, and editorial comments. In the last, Dr. J. C. Ferguson gives an obituary of the famous German sinologist, the late Dr. Friedrich Hirth.

An extremely interesting and thought-provoking article by Dr. James Lincoln McCartney is entitled "Psycho-Analysis and Chinese Characters." In it the author shows that there is an extraordinary similarity between modern thought-forms and those of the earliest Chinese when their pictographic script was in the process of creation. These thought-forms are revealed in the present day Chinese characters, in which the simpler hieroglyphs for certain objects are combined in such a way as to represent abstract ideas, as for instance, man plus dog to cringe. He points out that many of these associations of ideas are identical with those found in modern psycho-analysis. A large number of examples are given.

Anglers will find an unusually good picture of China's largest freshwater sporting fish, the so-called Huang Chuan of Gan yu; while dog-lovers will be interested in a note in the "Kennel" section on the dog in China. Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, contributes, another of his fascinating articles on birds seen in the vicinity of Shanghai.

A TRAVEL DIARY.

"Travel," says Miss Sackville-West, "is the most private of pleasures." She explains her objection to the travelling bore, to the traveller's letters which are vivid only to the writers, but unsatisfying to the readers. She avers that it is of no interest to one traveller to hear what happened to another in Hong Kong or Kalamazoo. Therefore Miss Sackville-West has forborne to write of her experiences in letters, or, presumably, to talk about them. She has jotted them all down in a diary—a very carefully-written diary, which has now been published for the world to read. There does seem to be something contradictory in this fact, after the author's own stated beliefs of the philosophy of travel. However, the book is a good one, full of observation which often achieves the poetic touch. It is illustrated with photographs.

("A Passenger to Teheran," by V. Sackville-West. Hogarth Press.)

AFRAID OF THE DARK

RITUAL & BELIEF IN
MOSCOW.

Moors, like the old-fashioned children of the pre-Boy Scout era, are afraid of the dark. At Marrakesh, a town in Morocco, there lived a man who had a house of his own. However, it was of little use to him, for every evening he moved out and slept under the stars. Mr. Edward Westermarck found that the reason for this strange behaviour was that the poor householder was afraid of jinn. This fear prevents many Moors from sleeping alone in a room, and to sleep in a Moorish staircase would be an unheard-of folly. Anybody who has tried to sleep on a staircase is permitted to agree with the Moors in this. Mr. Westermarck's two-volume treatise on the customs of Morocco is a ponderous and minutely-detailed work for students. Each volume has over 500 pages, and every page is full of learning. There are, however, many amusing notes and stories to relieve any dullness, though these take some finding.

("Ritual and Belief in Morocco" (two volumes), by Edward Westermarck; Macmillan.)

ODD NOTES.

Several of our leading novelists have within recent years written novels, or a series of novels, which give a study of families over several generations. Mr. John Galsworthy's "Forsyte Saga" and Mr. Arnold Bennett's "Fives" towns novels are, perhaps, the most striking instances. Mr. Compton Mackenzie has recently finished for Cassell a story which is a psychological study of a family through successive generations. It is entitled "Rogues and Vagabonds," a title suggested, perhaps, by the fact that it has a theatrical element. The ultimate heroine is Letitia, who becomes a comedy star and marries a peer.

A book from Constable will be the "Letters of George Gissing," the novelist, to "members of his family." They cover the period from 1883 to Gissing's death in 1903, and during the later years they are supplemented by many extracts from his diary and journals. We are told that the book is, in effect, a history of Gissing's thoughts and of the influence of travel upon his sensibilities. It contains, we are also told, "many passages of great beauty, and the letters are lit by flashes of insight expressed in a way that will be remembered."

When Dr. Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amon, which is the spelling he uses, he sat down, in response to public curiosity and quickly wrote a book about it all. He has, since then, spent most of his time examining the tomb and its relics, but he has found opportunity to write another volume on the subject, and it is announced by Cassell. It describes the opening of the actual burial chamber of the boy Pharaoh, and tells all about the treasures which kept him company during his sleep of 3,000 years. Dr. Carter's narrative is supplemented by reports written by other distinguished Egyptologists.

Mr. Donald Maxwell is becoming a notable artist-author, for one of his Winter books has been "The New Lights of London," which he both illustrates and writes. He has two more books, done in the same way, which will appear in the Spring. One entitled "The Enchanted Road," is a wander through Kent, with pictures, prose impressions, and snatches of original poetry—this from Methuen. The other, entitled "Unknew Dorset," as announced by the Bodley Head, is a series of "unorthodox explorations" of a county, which Thomas Hardy has made famous. Mr. Maxwell always looks for something that others have missed, as in three chapters "The Island that Wasn't," "The Haunted Bay," and "Sea, Forgotten Walls."

Mr. Fisher Unwin has always looked for first novels of quality, and, indeed, he established a First

MACAO.

USEFUL YEAR BOOK
ISSUED.

Macao continues her bid for attention and the Year Book for 1927 from Macao is quite in keeping with the recent excellent publicity matter that has recently emanated from the Portuguese Colony. The Portuguese are waking up to the value of the printed word, and not only is the latest year book superior in execution of workmanship to any previous production of its kind but in matter and importance it outrivals anything hitherto published at Macao.

The work will be of greatest interest to the Portuguese as the matter is almost entirely in that language, but there is a small English section containing four articles translated from original contributions in Portuguese stressing the needs of the new Port of Macao and of the commercial activities of the place. The Chinese section is very much larger and runs to over a hundred pages, comprising contributions from a number of very prominent Chinese writers resident at Macao.

The Portuguese section is, moreover, brimful of matters of interest to the Portuguese, especially as regards commercial and industrial activities and laws. The laws and regulations under which merchants must operate at Macao are very fully set forth, so that for the first time matter of commercial value has been assembled for easy reference, and this facility to merchants contemplating the establishment of businesses at Macao must not be lost sight of.

Another feature is the excellent printing of the book, and the authorities at Macao are to be congratulated on the efficiency of their printing establishment which is able to turn out such very excellent letterpress work. The illustrations, too, are well printed and form a representative collection of some of the most interesting scenes and places of interest in the Portuguese colony. The schools in particular are pictured as is seldom done even in much larger centres than Little Macao.

FRANCE TO-DAY.

A great admirer of France, and one of the few who can really claim to understand her, is Mr. Sisley Huddleston. His latest work is a compendious historical review of modern France, political, social, financial, and economic. He explains all France's greatness in the light of past history; but it is in the study of "les jeunes," the young people who hold the future of the country in their hands, that the author writes most interestingly. He sees the folly of the Dadaists, the eccentricities of Art and thought, but he sees also the seeds of culture that are being sown. Young France, generally, is working hard, studying carefully, and trying to achieve things that will last beyond the present generation. This is a healthy sign.

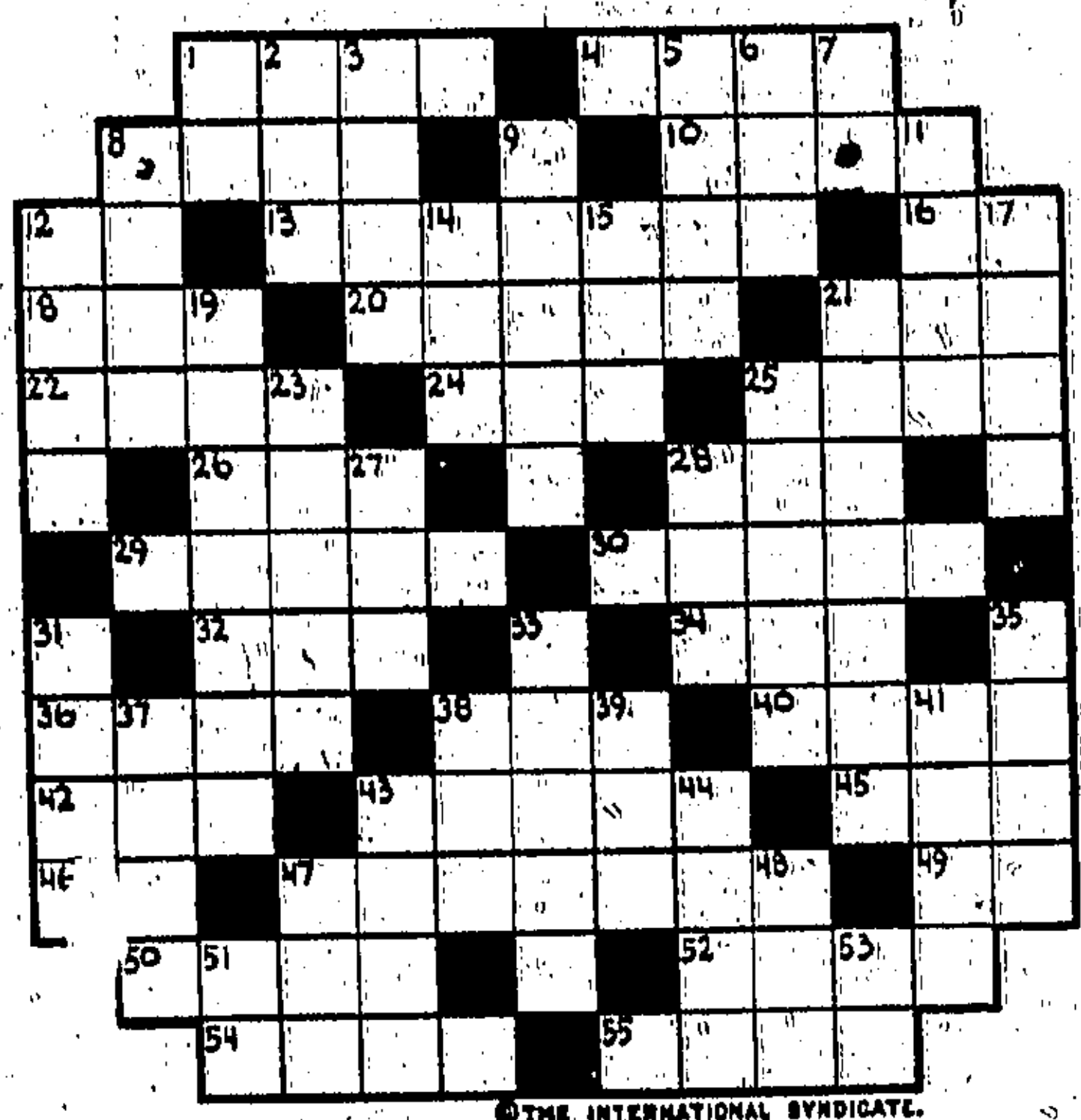
("France," by Sisley Huddleston, Benn.)

Novel Library. His publishing house has now joined forces with that of Sir Ernest Benn, but the First Novels will go on. Those for spring include "Bush Fever," a West African story by Mr. Guy Brown; "Malayan Nights," a tale of love and adventure by Peter Martin; and "The Ragged Garment," a study of human nature from an unusual angle, by Mr. E. E. P. Samuel. Still another first novel will be "Moonson Magic," by Mr. M. Inskip, a romantic tale of filibustering in the Philippines, told by an old seaman to his nephew.

Having run a serial course, the autobiography of that genuine humorist, Mr. Arthur Roberts, is shortly to appear in book form with the Bodley Head. One of the little but interesting things that he originated, the "spoof" which has now passed into the English language. As a token of this he names his book "Fifty Years of Spoof," though, of course, that in no way covers its contents. It is personal and characteristic all through, and it is anecdotal to a degree about the theatrical celebrities and the music-hall lights whom Mr. Roberts has known during his three-score years and ten.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A snare
- 4-Wave
- 8-Oran
- 10-A small bottle
- 12-Myself
- 13-French tapestry
- 16-From
- 18-Unit of work
- 20-New
- 21-Animal's coat
- 22-Vein, as of mineral
- 23-Very damp
- 24-Rank
- 25-A rough timber
- 26-A fish's propeller
- 28-Natives of Denmark
- 30-Sweetening
- 32-Edge
- 34-Negative adverb
- 35-To petition
- 38-Belonging to him
- 40-Mature
- 42-A color

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-Part of a flower
- 48-Vanilla
- 49-You
- 47-Cure-all
- 49-Conjunction
- 50-Impartial
- 52-Aquatic bird
- 54-Appeal
- 55-Flower stalk

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Permit
- 17-Worry
- 19-One of King Arthur's knights
- 21-A religious zealot
- 23-Coin
- 25-Severely
- 27-Jewel
- 28-Sport
- 31-Active
- 33-Indisputable
- 36-Slave
- 37-A shoal
- 38-Female fowl
- 39-Pouch
- 41-Anguish
- 43-To peel
- 44-For fear that
- 47-A desert
- 48-Respect mingled with fear
- 51-For instance
- 53-Part of verb "to be"

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to other words. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

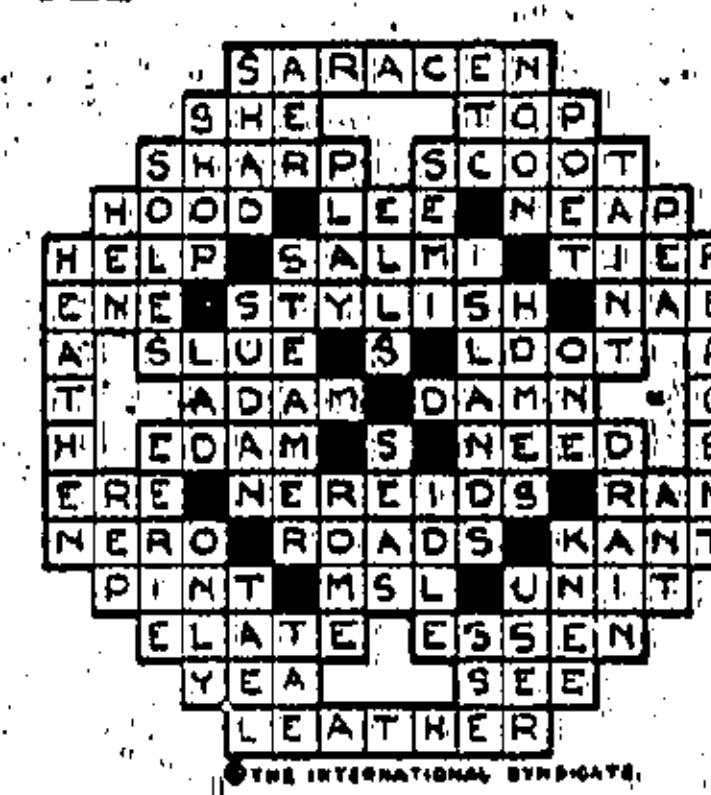
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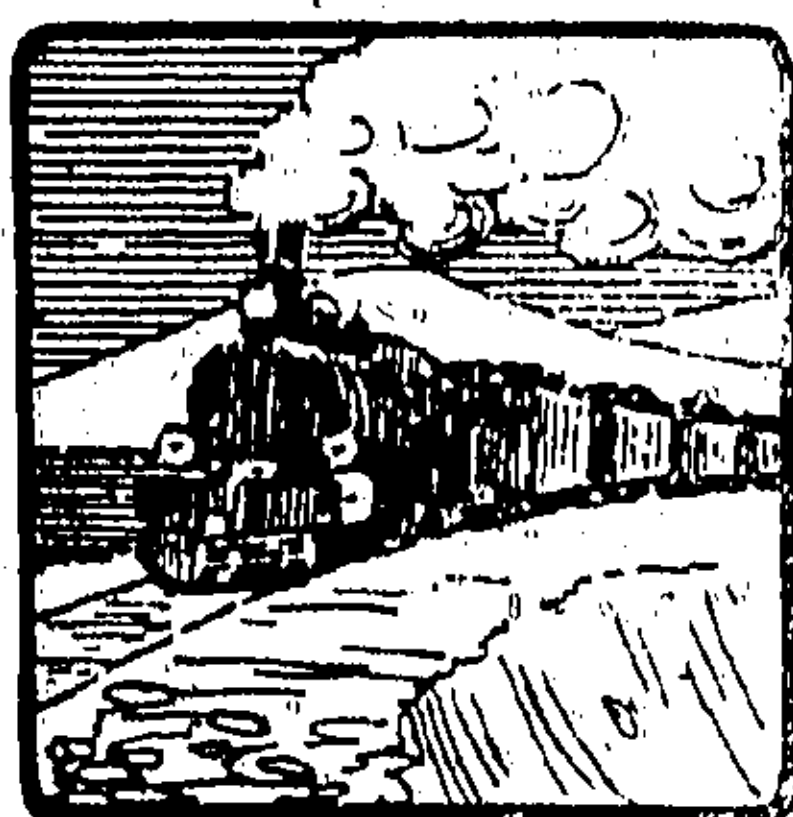
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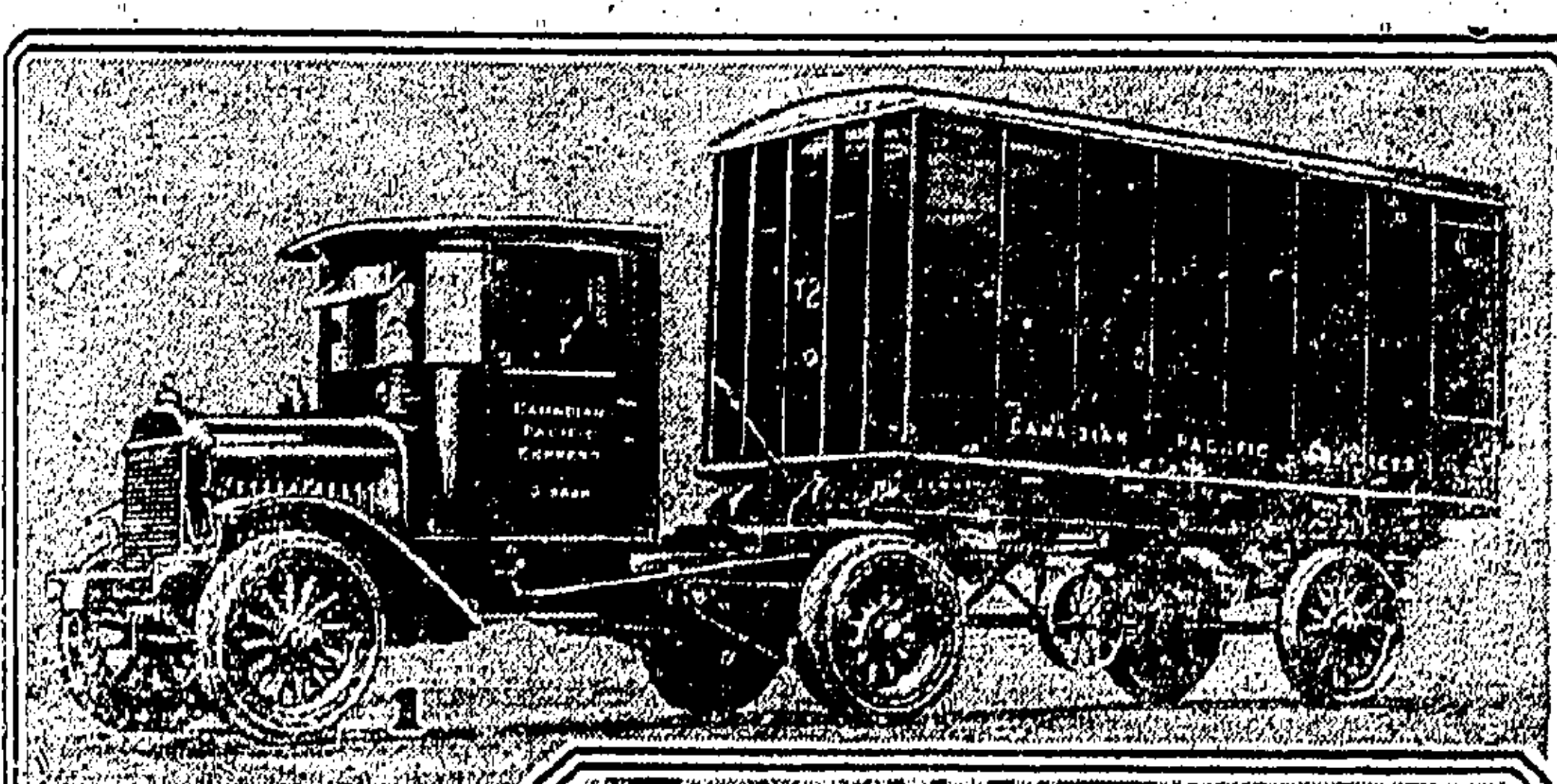
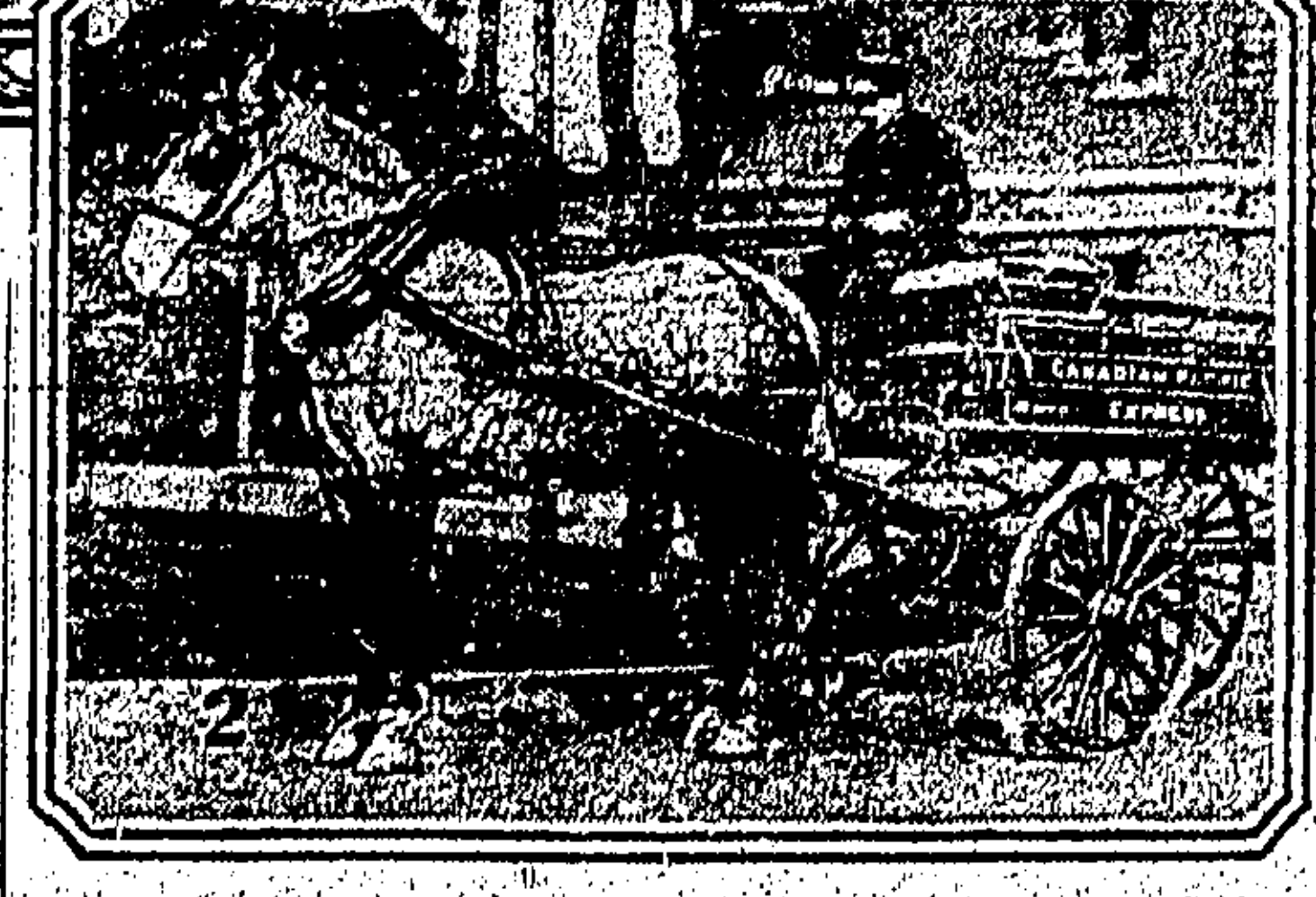
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were responsible for 306.Croydon licensing justices, by a
majority, granted an application for
a new hotel at Croydon Aerodrome.Dr. G. Roche Lynch has been ap-
pointed senior official analyst to the
Home Office in succession to the
late Mr. John Webster.Part of the pithead gear, two
screens, and the engine-house were
destroyed in a fire at the Shildon
Colliery, near Bishop Auckland.A water-colour drawing of Castle
Upnor, Kent, by J. M. W. Turner,
R.A., with a copy of the engraving
by J. B. Allen, 1833, realised £120
at Messrs. Sotheby's.The coal output for the week
ended January 29 was 5,225,100
tons by 996,100 workers, compared
with 5,197,800 tons by 989,700
wage earners in the preceding
week.In the presence of his little
granddaughter and other patients,
Joseph Smith, aged 64, who had
been suffering from influenza, fell
dead in a doctor's waiting-room at
Yeovil.Members of the Junior Naval and
Military Club, Piccadilly, helped to
fight a fire which broke out on the
club's premises, and was quickly
under control on the arrival of the
fire brigade.A quartet comprising a bagpipe,
two saxophones and a trombone has
been formed at Glasgow by mem-
bers of the band of the 7th (Terri-
torial) Battalion of the Highland
Light Infantry (City of Glasgow
Regiment).Socialist Party headquarters in
London has endorsed the candi-
dature of Mr. R. F. Wilson in the by-
election at Leith, Captain Wedg-
wood Benn, the Liberal member,
having decided to join the Socialist
Party and resign his seat.Best man 42 years ago at the first
marriage of Sir Halleywell Rogers,
formerly M.P. for the Moseley divi-
sion of Birmingham, Mr. T. E. Lowe
was again present as chief witness
at his second marriage at the
Henrietta Street Register Office to
Mrs. Phyllis Reeve, a widow.The Rubber Growers' Association
has issued an appeal for funds for
the relief of sufferers by the floods
in Malaya, and the Council of the
Association, in voting 500 guineas,
suggests as a basis for calculating
subscriptions of rubber companies
a rate of not less than threepence
per planted acre.The "London Gazette" announces
the titles of two peerages conferred
in the New Year's Honours list—
Sir George Hayter, Bart., to
become Baron Hayter, of Chisle-
hurst (Kent), and Colonel F.S.W.
Cornwallis to be Baron Cornwallis,
of Linton (Kent).The Prince of Wales visited the
British Industries Fair at Birming-
ham on February 22.Fifteen thousand miners in the
northern coalfields of New South
Wales have struck for higher
wages.The publication of "The Whis-
pering Gallery" has been discon-
tinued in the United States of
America.At Hull James Robinson, an
unemployed labourer, charged
with the attempted murder of
his four children by administering
coal gas, was remanded for
observation by a doctor.At Walsall, Staffordshire,
James Wilson Gillies, aged 46,
was sentenced to one month's im-
prisonment for being drunk in
charge of his motor-car and was
fined £5 for dangerous driving.Sir Arthur Balfour, Sir A.
Norman Hill, Mr. W. T. Layton,
Sir Max Muespratt, and Mr.
Arthur Fugh have been nomi-
nated by the Government to attend
the International Economic Con-
ference at Geneva in May.Miss Violet Cordery, the motor-
ist, will begin her world tour by
motor-car, from her house at
Cobham, Surrey instead of from
the Royal Automobile Club, Lon-
don, as had been arranged
previously.A cablegram received at his
Cheshire residence from Sir
Delves Broughton at Delhi states
that Lady Broughton while hunt-
ing with a viceregal house party
was severely injured through her
horse falling and rolling on her.To make room for the extension
of an artillery camp, the old
village of Villedieu, in the
Doubs Department, is to be wiped
off the map of France, says a
Central News (Paris) corre-
spondent. The village has 166
inhabitants, and everyone is
obliged to leave it.**"NEURALGIA"**said the Doctor, "like many other
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Co., 60 Kingston Road, Shanghai.The authorities at Meiningen,
Germany, have decided to impose a
fine on any boy under 16 caught
smoking in public.Dr. Strassmann, the German For-
eign Minister, has arrived at San
Remo, Italy, where he intends to
stay for three weeks.If they pay their rates within a
month of the demand note Middle-
borough ratepayers will be given a
discount of 2 1/2 per cent.Having resigned in consequence
of interpellations in Parliament,
Mostofi el Mamalek, the Persian
Premier, has again assumed office
with a reconstituted Cabinet.The Australian cruisers "Mel-
bourne" and "Sydney" are shortly
sailing for England, where they will
be scrapped, and the crews trans-
ferred to the new cruisers "Aus-
tralia" and "Canberra."The fittings factory at the
B.T.H. Lamp Works, Rugby, was
completely destroyed by fire.
About 140 men and girls are tem-
porarily unemployed in conse-
quence.The Prime Minister's speech at
the dinner of the Worcestershire
Association at the Hotel Victoria,
London, on Tuesday, February
22, was broadcast from Daven-
try, states the "Radio Times."While dormitories above them
were blazing furiously, 70 boys at
the Preparatory School, Balfour
near New Milton (Hampshire),
sat calmly enjoying lunch, and
did not leave the tables until they
had eaten a second helping.The roadway between the train
rails on a bridge over the River
Ouse at Offord, Huntingdonshire,
collapsed, and two horses, which
were hauling a wagon along the
tramway, fell into the river and
were drowned.The war cemetery at Jerusalem
on the Mount of Olives is nearing
completion, and the memorial, in
the form of a chapel, the cost of which
has been mainly subscribed by mem-
bers of the Egyptian Expeditionary
Force, will be unveiled by Viscount
Allenby on May 7."I am quite satisfied that the firm
complied with the regulations," said
Mr. C. B. Root, factory inspector,
when a verdict of Death from An-
thrax was returned at the adjourned
inquest at Folkestone, on Edward
Harvey Taylor, 15, who had been
employed at a brush factory.No less than 60 persons com-
mitted suicide last year by leap-
ing into the boiling crater of the
volcano Asotake, says a Central
News message from Tokyo, and
the authorities of Nagasaki have
been considering how best to
prevent further suicides in this
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too; how long can he last?
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those of us who buy gasoline—that
we are gradually coming to regard
the old gray mare with more or less
disdain. When we think of horses
in terms of transport, we are be-
coming more inclined to picture them
staggering before a junk wagon or
battering mobilizing a caleshe or ca-
rioche, these beasts of whom so much
has been written, whose devotion and
faithfulness has inspired poets and
artists. J. E. Coulter, assistant to
the vice-president of the Canadian
Pacific Express Company gave us
quite a shock recently. He drives a
car which is paid for, uses consider-
able of the company's gasoline and
had just completed the purchase of
six new trucks—beautiful things—
of which he is very proud. "The horse,"
he said, "the horse will never be al-
together replaced on the road, and I
will live to see the day when he will
replace some of the trucks." And
then he waxed eloquent: "We could
see that had been born fifty years
earlier—Dr. is a very young man—
the Canadian Pacific would have had
some of the finest transport equip-
ment. Doubtless he was a great
motor vehicle, but he was neverof, but he says that his company will
only replace a horse where it is
proven that an actual economy will
be effected. "On long runs, where
two horse wagons have not quite
enough work to keep them both busy,
a motor vehicle will perhaps be more
economical, but one motor vehicle, he
said, will not economically replace
one horse in our service, and particu-
larly in congested areas where
many more must be made." This
from a man who lives by efficient
transportation.
Mr. Coulter believed that part of
the maintenance of horses, "horses" and
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| Saigon | 17 | General Metzinger. |
| Shanghai | 18 | Sinkiang. |
| Canada, U.S.A., Japan, & Shanghai | 18 | Empress of Canada. |
| Shanghai & Europe via Siberia | 18 | Mongolia. |
| Australia & Manila | 19 | Aki Maru. |
| Straits | 19 | Calchas. |
| Europe via Suez (letters & papers London 17th Feb. & parcels 10th Feb.) | 20 | Devanah. |
| Straits | 20 | Fooksang. |
| U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai | 21 | Pras. Madison. |
| Straits | 21 | Atsuta Maru. |
| Japan | 22 | Tango Maru. |
| Japan & Shanghai | 25 | Haruna Maru. |

OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | THURSDAY, MARCH | Per | Time |
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| Saigon | 17 | City of Calcutta | 3.30 p.m. |
| Samshui and Wuchow | 17 | Kwong Ying | 4 p.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy & Formosa | 17 | Taiwa Maru | 5 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia | 18 | General Metzinger | 5 p.m. |
| Holhow & Pakhoi | 18 | Poo Tye | 5 p.m. |
| Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (19th) 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. | 19 | Taipei. | |
| Holhow & Bangkok | 18 | Xuan On | 8.30 a.m. |
| Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong | 18 | Monado Maru | 8.30 a.m. |
| Japan | 19 | Aki Maru | 9 a.m. |
| Swatow | 19 | Hengcheong | 10 a.m. |
| Straits, Lourenco, Marques & South Africa | 19 | Canada Maru | 10.30 a.m. |
| Java via Batavia | 19 | Tijmanosek | 10.30 a.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 15th April. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (19th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. | 19 | Mongolia. | |
| Japan | 20 | Talhythys | 10 a.m. |
| Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m. | 20 | Hosang. | |
| Amoy | 20 | Anking | 5 p.m. |
| Swatow & Bangkok | 20 | Kiangsu | 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy & Formosa | 20 | Kaijo Maru | 8.30 a.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa | 21 | Shumko Maru | 9 a.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia | 21 | Devanah | 9 a.m. |
| Straits | 22 | Yuensang | 4.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th April & Europe via Siberia. Registration 9.45 a.m. Parcels 10.30 a.m. | 22 | Taiyo Maru. | |

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SHANGHAI TENSION.

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WUHU RIOTS.

Mr. Chen Asked to Use His Influence.

London, March 16.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) as regards the disturbances at Wuhu, said that Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Foreign Minister, had been asked to telegraph instructions for the protection of British lives and property and the suppression of anti-British agitation.

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that the Government was most loath to interfere and dealt with the Nationalist Government on the basis of that the latter, having assumed responsibility, would discharge their duties. Sir Austen Chamberlain earnestly trusted that they would.

Diplomatic Representatives. Mr. W. Windsor (Labour) asked whether, seeing that a diplomatic representative of the Chinese Nationalist Government had been appointed to Japan, the question of the diplomatic representation of that government in England had been discussed with the Chinese Foreign Minister.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the question of the diplomatic representation of the Nationalist Government in England had not been discussed. He did not think the Nationalist functionaries who he understood had been sent to Japan at various times could properly be described as diplomatic representatives. Reuter.

SHANGHAI MURDERS.

A Question in the House of Commons.

London, March 16.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Howard Bury who asked whether he was taking any steps to protect the lives of Chinese workmen in Shanghai against the attacks of extremists, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, pointed out that such protection was primarily the responsibility of the Municipal authority through the machinery normally under their control. It was not very desirable that British troops who were there for another purpose should be used for this purpose.

Mr. Howard Bury asked whether the Americans were only protecting their nationals and not participating in the general defence of the Settlement. Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that if Mr. Howard Bury wanted to know the exact position of the American Government he should address his question to them. (Laughter).

PARTY POLITICS.

An Effective Answer to Hecklers.

London, March 16.

The Liberal candidate at the North Southwark by-election, Mr. E. A. Strauss, who supports the Government's policy in China, says that the chief interrupters at his meetings are people who shout: "British aims in China are to make slaves of the Chinese," to which Mr. Strauss retorts: "The British people in China are warehousemen, clerks and other workers who are selling goods manufactured in this country—if we refuse to protect their lives the whole trade will be lost and thousands of British men and women will be thrown out of work." Reuter.

SINGAPORE TRAGEDY.

The Question of Government Inquiry.

London, March 16.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. G. Lansbury (Labour) with regard to the disturbance at the Sun Yat-sen celebrations, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, said the Governor had stated that he proposed to await the conclusion of the inquest on the dead before considering whether any further enquiry was desirable. Reuter.

SIR ALFRED MOND.

Policy of "Scuttle" Denounced.

Addressing a Conservative meeting at Wines, Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., said that he looked with anxiety on the position of China and the policy of the Government. He did not say that existing treaties should never be changed, but he did say it was not at the option of any one party to change any treaty between any two countries. That was contrary to the whole basis of the treaty law. To yield to violence, to yield to mobs, to yield even to a threatened loss of trade, would be a wrong policy for any Government which represented Britain.

Britain's Prestige.

He did not agree that our interests in China were merely trade interests. There was the question of the prestige of Great Britain and those she represented. China was not isolated. The East was not divided into splinters. The East was one, and the reaction against our position in any part of the East reached throughout the whole of the East. He did not know why we should negotiate with Mr. Chen. Hankow and Shanghai were not in the Cantonese part of China at all. He went on to inquire if it was permissible in the dignity of our nation that a riotous mob, got together by agitators, should enter and loot the Hankow concession and endanger the life and liberty of British men and women and pull down the British flag.

A Staff in China.

If he were the head of the Government he would want an apology from any Government who did that. To carry on trade with China and in China one of the essentials was that the life and property of British people should be respected. (Cheers.) "I say as one responsible for a British staff in China," said Sir Alfred, "that you will not be able to get a staff to go there unless that is the case. (Cheers.) I wish some of those political gentlemen who are doing no trade in China would leave the trade part to us. We are all prepared to face the stress of boycott and to deal with the trade aspect. We know exactly how to handle it. What we ask for is the support of our Government in the protection of life and property." (Cheers.) Amid applause Sir Alfred added: "You will get no more concessions from the Chinese by fear or by running away. The policy of scuttle and funk has never been any use to British Empire, and never will be."

EARLY MESSAGES.

Hankow Husband's Bitter Protest.

Shanghai, March 16.

A message from Hankow dated the 14th says that the husbands of emancipated wives staged a protest of demonstration before the headquarters of the General Labour Union to-day, crying down with the Women's Union. The demonstrators are mostly labourers. They claim that since the arrival of the Nationalists (whose agents they assert preach freedom of women, free-love, the emancipation of womanhood, etc.) their wives no longer return home to their bed and board but spend the nights out in the same manner as alley cats. The husbands are claiming that their homes will be disrupted by the new "emancipation," and demand the return of their wives to the old custom. Reuter.

Nanking Menaced.

Shanghai, March 16.

There were persistent reports to-night of fighting between Wuhu and Nanking, within thirty miles of the latter city. Telegraphic communication between Nanking and Pengpu is interrupted to-day, but responsible quarters here do not believe Pengpu has been captured. They believe, however, that Nanking is seriously menaced. Reuter.

EXPLOITATION.

Another Preposterous Labour Charge.

London, March 16.

The Chinese situation was the issue in a triangular by-election in Leith. The Labour candidate, Mr. Wilson, issued a manifesto declaring that British troops were now in China to enable the capitalists to exploit Chinese resources. The Unionist who was beaten, replied vigorously, characterising the suggestion that the British Government was trying to get political control of China as a "deliberate and calculated lie." Reuter.

Legation Episode.

London, March 16.

The "Daily Telegraph," referring to the gathering at the Chinese legation in honour of Sun Yat-sen and the presence there of Mr. George Lansbury, says the facts with regard to this meeting are inexplicable on any hypothesis than that the legation has become a Branch of the Kuomintang, and that the members of that party in London are, as one of them declared, permitting the legation officials to carry on "on trust for future masters." Reuter.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

Time not Ripe for Return of Concessions.

London, March 16.

In editorial allusion to the Japanese decision that the time is not ripe for the return of the Japanese concessions to China the "Daily Telegraph" observes that if the disposition existed in Tokyo to make such advances in the absence of pressure it could hardly have survived the knowledge of what actually followed the British policy of meeting the nationalist demands more than half way, for there is no wonder the terms whereon the British concessions in Hankow and Kiang were surrendered created dismay and apprehension in the British community in Shanghai. Reuter.

"WHO DOESN'T KNOW ME?"

Two youths who were charged before Mr. Lindsell with entering a carpenter's shop in New Street, West Point, for an unlawful purpose last night, both claimed to be acquainted with a Toki of the shop. This man denied all knowledge of them and when asked by the Magistrate how it was that they knew him by name said "I have lived over 20 years in Hong Kong. Who doesn't know me?" The youths whose arrest was brought about by a neighbour who saw them meddling with the door were convicted. The first accused who had a previous conviction received four months' jail and the other two months.

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